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NEA report hits mountain schools

By LAURAN EMERSON

The 1970 Kentucky teachers' strike lasted for a week. The immediate benefits of that strike were doubtful, but it spurred an investigation and report, published last week, which may provide lasting benefits in their conclusions and legislative proposals for change in Kentucky's schools.

The report, entitled "Education in Kentucky: A Legacy of Unkept Promise", is the product of more than a year's investigation by the Commission on Professional Rights and Responsibilities, the investigative unit of the National Education Association. The investigation was requested by the Kentucky Education Association (KEA) in February, 1970, to look into KEA charges that Governor Louie Nunn and the 1970 General Assembly of Kentucky failed in their responsibility to provide sufficient funds for Kentucky public schools and impeded local efforts of school boards and teachers to improve the quality of public education.

The Commission's findings supported the KEA's charges, and an NEA Special Committee was assigned to look deeper into the problem and act as an independent fact-finding and recommending group.

The basic facts lie in Kentucky's rank among the 50 states: "Despite massive gains in state school support during the 1960's," the report states, "Kentucky continues to lag behind most other states in public school financing and achievement levels." The most recent nationwide survey shows that, from 1969 to 1970, the state dropped from 39th to 44th in the nation in per pupil expenditure, from 42nd to 45th in average teacher salaries, and remained 47th in the student retention rate of high schools.

The report included tables which list Letcher County among the lowest in the state in per pupil expenditures, teacher salaries, numbers of disadvantaged students and percent of high school students who graduate.

In 1969, Letcher County's annual expenditure per pupil was \$385, compared with a median of \$470 spent in districts with high assessments. 7.9% of Letcher County's teachers have an M.A. degree or higher, while 26.1% of the teachers in high-assessed districts are in this category.

Teachers' salaries in this county range from \$5,505 to \$7,950, while teachers in the same classification in other districts average \$5,900 to \$8,840 per year.

The percent of disadvantaged students in Letcher County is 53%, while the median percent in other districts is 13.5%.

The percent of ninth graders who go on to graduate from high school varies from 52.8% in Letcher County to an average of 75.37% in high-assessed districts.

Although Kentucky has had to sustain large school budget in-

creases just to maintain its current standing among the states, the report says, an additional public school investment of \$143 million would be needed to bring Kentucky's per pupil expenditure up to the national average. But, it goes on, "Kentucky has so many long neglected educational needs, and the inequalities among school districts are so blatant, that an even greater initial expenditure would be required to ensure adequacy of educational programs and facilities in all regions of the Commonwealth."

The Committee observed that in Kentucky, "the citizens... are getting just about what they are paying for: the bare rudiments of educational programming, crowded into dingy, incredibly dreary school buildings, many of which are structurally unsound, educationally obsolete, and which could most aptly be described as custodial institutions for the very young." The most severe educational deficiencies were found in Eastern Kentucky, but "grave financial problems also confront the schools in relatively affluent areas of the Commonwealth."

"Although the Kentucky Minimum Foundation Program is nationally noted for the soundness of its fiscal equalization formula, and although federal grants have a further equalizing effect," the report states, the finances supplies by these means do not meet current needs.

Testimony at the NEA hearings included this summary: "...the Foundation Program has come to mean tax increases and raises for teachers, and that is wrong; we have been looking at it completely in the wrong way."

The Committee's extensive survey of the state tax potential shows that, at the state level alone and without sacrificing a competitive tax structure, Kentucky could be collecting at least \$100 million more than it now collects.

The present tax structure relies heavily on Kentucky's 5% Sales Tax. The burden of this tax is greatest on the individual and his family. In a state rich with mineral resources and revenue potentials, the report notes, Kentucky's consumer-based sales tax is the second highest in the nation.

Among the untapped revenue sources pointed out to the Committee were the removal of federal income tax deductibility from individual and corporate income taxes, increases in the cigarette tax, and a severance tax on extracted minerals.

Removal of the federal income tax deductibility provision from individual and corporate taxes paid in Kentucky would increase the progressive nature, equity, and productivity of this tax, bringing an estimated \$52 million more to the state.

An increase of 6¢ per package in the cigarette tax would increase revenue by about \$22 million.

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LETCHER COUNTY JAILER Ernest Hall competed in the Old Style Banjo division of the Country Music Contest. He was accompanied by Roger Hall. More pictures on Page 10.

Audit says agency not doing mines job

By TOM BETHELL

Sen. Harrison Williams, who asked the General Accounting Office to investigate the Bureau of Mines last August, released GAO's newly-completed 85-page report this week, along with a blast at the Interior Department.

Williams, a New Jersey Democrat who heads the Senate Labor Subcommittee and was the principal Senate sponsor of the 1969 Federal Coal Mine Health & Safety Act, charged that the GAO report reveals so many problems with the Bureau that only "a massive shake-up" can salvage it. He told the Senate that he may offer legislation to transfer the Bureau's law-enforcement responsibilities from Interior to the Department of Labor. Otherwise, he added, it may take "some cataclysmic event" to force the Bureau to assume its responsibilities under the new coal law.

GAO investigators spent six months closely watching Bureau activities both at the agency's Washington headquarters and at two of its district field offices, located

at Mt. Hope, W. Va., and Norton, Va. The two offices have jurisdiction over nearly 80 per cent of the nation's underground mines.

The GAO report charges that the Bureau -- had made only 31 per cent of its required safety inspections and only 1 per cent of its required health inspections as of December 31;

--has failed to use its power to close mines in which in-

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CONGRESSMEN ARE TRYING TO SAVE THE EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

Efforts are underway in the U. S. Congress to restore full and continuous funding to the Emergency Food and Medical Services (EFMS) program.

The program, which was originally designed by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to develop efficient and flexible kinds of institutions to make food assistance programs work better, has been phased out in the latest budget

JENKINS ROAD BID ASKED

The Kentucky State Highway Department has called for contractors' bids June 25 for construction of the new road between Whitesburg and Jenkins.

The department broke the road work down into three sections of 1.6 miles, 4.6 miles, and 6.4 miles.

The first contract calls for bituminous re-surfacing of the 1.6 mile section of the Payne Gap road (Ky 804) which was constructed a few years ago. The other two contracts call for totally new construction, including bituminous surfacing.

The 6.4 mile section extends from Jenkins toward Whitesburg, and the 4.6 mile section from Whitesburg toward Jenkins.

The project will be funded jointly by the State Highway Department and the Appalachian Regional Commission, with the ARC putting up 70 per cent of the costs.

Right-of-way acquisition for the road has been underway for the past several months. Numerous homes have been torn down or relocated to make way for the road.

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Oil, gas, bonanza under way

By PHIL PRIMACK

What was once a flurry of exploratory drillings has become a system of pipelines and expensive wells drawing and transporting oil, gas or both out of eastern Kentucky. An ever-increasing number of oil and gas companies, some of them representing the giants of the fuel industry, have found in Appalachia a vast, and mostly untapped, fuel bonanza.

Last year a geologist with the Kentucky Geological Survey told The Mountain Eagle that the oil and gas deposits here are "of the same order as those in the Louisiana-Texas Gulf

Coast" region. Others in and out of the business have agreed with that immensely significant statement. But still, many have challenged the notion that some mineral other than coal might become the region's king.

Not among the doubters, however, are some very key parties. Take, for example, J. T. Brown. He is President of the Equitable Gas System, the Pittsburgh, Pa., based company which has extensive gas and oil interests in eastern Kentucky, including Letcher County. In the 1970 Annual Report to his firm's stockholders, Mr. Brown mentioned an agreement between his firm and other com-

panies "to explore the gas producing potential from deep horizons of the Company's acreage in Kentucky." The exploratory well will be drilled to about 12,500 feet, "at an estimated cost of between \$550,000 and \$850,000." Signal Oil and Gas, a large Texas-based firm, "has the major participating interest."

The significance of this well, as Brown notes, is that Equitable's "approximately 1,000,000 in eastern Kentucky have never been drilled to this contemplated depth." He added that "we are looking forward with interest to the results."

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WALKWAY REQUIRED

Construction will begin soon on a new school for elementary classes in the urban renewal area in West Whitesburg.

Within the next two years, traffic patterns in Whitesburg will have to change as both school buses and private cars take grade schoolers to the new building.

And the dangers to pedestrians who are trying to make it from downtown Whitesburg to the new school and the area around it will increase greatly.

It's already taking your life in your hands to try to walk from Main Street to the public housing project along Kentucky Highway 15, and most people just don't take that walk. But the new school will mean that large numbers of youngsters will want to get from downtown to the school, and the highway is the only way there is except for the railroad track, which is even more dangerous.

The City of Whitesburg, the Kentucky Department of Highways and the Letcher County Board of Education ought to begin now to plan and finance a sidewalk of adequate size leading from central Whitesburg to the new elementary school. The same sidewalk also would serve the public housing project, soon to be almost tripled in size, and the new subdivision going up in the urban renewal area.

A walkway removed from the highway and perhaps a bridge across the Kentucky River for pedestrians only would be an even better solution, because it would keep the kids out of the heavy traffic areas.

But the important thing is to get something, and before the school is completed, so that when school opens there will be a way to get to it safely.

Parents whose children will be attending the new school should make certain that the school board and other responsible parties get in motion whatever machinery may be needed to provide pupils a safe path to travel to and from school.



A SCHOOL IN APPALACHIAN KENTUCKY

NEA report . . . From Page 1 . . . Potential is here

Varying estimates were given for the revenue potential of a severance tax. A tax of 5% on gross income from mineral property "would permit Kentucky to realize some fair rate of return on the vast profits which flow from the state from the extraction of its mineral resources." For the most recently recorded price and production levels, this tax would yield from \$30 million to \$51.7 million. The growing importance of the gas and oil industries in Kentucky would increase these revenues even more.

The Report states, "The NEA Special Committee concerned itself particularly with the matter of a severance tax on extracted minerals because it became plainly evident, as the investigation proceeded, that of all the taxes that might be adopted, this one would have the most far-reaching positive effect, both directly and indirectly, to advance the cause of public education."

"In addition to increasing direct general aid to education, the proceeds from a tax on the extractive industries, if fairly and effectively administered, would make possible the rehabilitation of the Appalachian counties. . . . The argument that a severance tax would place Kentucky at a serious competitive disadvantage with other coal-producing states is robbed of its credibility by the main factors, outlined in this report, that seem to forecast a bright future for the Kentucky coal industry for many years to come."

"Moreover," the Report continued, "the deep impoverishment of the Appalachian region makes it clear that the lightly taxed coal industry is not now a positive factor in the economy of the region or the state."

In support of the KEA's original charges, the Report goes on to say, "It would appear that, in their negative response to severance tax proposals in 1970, Governor Nunn and the legislators were motivated by political considerations rather than by a sincere and statesmanlike concern for the general welfare of their constituents."

The Special Committee also found substantial evidence to indicate that poor assessment practices, especially in the mineral-producing areas of the state, result in the loss of many millions of tax dollars. The forfeiture of these taxes takes its toll in depriving public schools of desperately needed funds for school programs, buildings and facilities.

The Report attributes the weakness of the assessment function in part to local mismanagement and political pressures, but places the final responsibility for a uniform, equitable assessment program

with the state.

The Report claims that neither Governor Nunn nor the General Assembly "saw fit to correct the inequities and inadequacies of the assessment function in Kentucky." It went on to state that, "Since the property tax is the chief source of local school support, this failure on the part of the Governor and the General Assembly was a further abrogation of their constitutional responsibility to maintain an 'efficient system of common schools' throughout the state."

Another area investigated by the Special Committee was the failure of Gov. Nunn to recommend, and of the General Assembly to repeal, the Tax Rollback Law. This law offsets the revenue gains which would have been made with the implementation of the Fair Value ruling, which more than tripled real property valuations in Kentucky between 1965 and 1966.

The Report found that "one of the most serious results of the Rollback Law has been its cumulative depressant effect on school district tax rates and revenues. Under its provisions, school systems have not been allowed to realize revenue benefits from appreciation of existing property; therefore, as property values have increased, school tax rates have had to be decreased."

The Special Committee also investigated employer-employee relationships and found that, except in a few districts where there are functional agreements between teachers and boards of education, there is no systematic process for orderly resolution of employer-employee conflict.

It emphasized that "the experience of Kentucky should make it clear that strikes are not a product of negotiation; rather, they are an independent factor of unresolved conflict between employers and employees."

As a result of its findings, the NEA Special Committee submitted legislative proposals to the state, urging that "preparatory steps be taken now by the Governor and 1970 General Assembly to facilitate prompt and informed consideration by the new Governor and Legislature in 1972."

The proposals include enactment of tax reforms to permit sufficient funding to increase the public school investment in Kentucky at least to the average level of the 50 states. Such reforms would include a minimum 5% severance tax on gross sale of minerals extracted from Kentucky, the repeal of the Tax Rollback Law, and utilization of Kentucky's revenue potential through removal of the federal income tax deductibility provision from individual and corporate income

taxes and an increase in the cigarette tax to a minimum of 9¢ per pack.

Legislative proposals to ensure more uniform and equitable property assessment practices include the following measures: Change the office of Property Valuation Administrator into an appointive post with nationally accepted standards of professional qualification; consolidate assessment jurisdictions and eliminate overlapping; and require assessing districts to use the State Department of Revenue mapping service.

The Special Committee's proposal to regulate state funding and supervision of local school districts would provide for an increased minimum tax effort for participation in the state's Minimum Foundation Program and would include funding incentives.

The proposed legislation would also increase Foundation appropriations to meet the needs of poor students, help with special instructional services and funds for capital outlay, and provide for the development of a master plan for school district reorganization and consolidation.

The Committee's final legislative proposal would secure the right of teachers organizations to negotiate with local boards of education to provide for a systematic and fair procedure for settling disputes within local districts.

The thorough investigation of revenue sources and potentials lends validity to the Committee's proposals. "The evidence seems clear. . . . that Kentucky does have the potential tax wealth to support significant improvements in the quality of public education and to provide for improvements in other areas as well."

That point is clear, but also clear is a point made at the end of the Report: "Not only in Kentucky, but in all the states, the preoccupation of tax-paying citizens with the costs of public education has tended to obscure public awareness of its real, profoundly human, values. . . . The school revenue and expenditure data obtained during this investigation provided amply statistical evidence to support the conclusion that the public schools of Kentucky are suffering from a serious problem of under financing. But the full nature of this problem, as it involves the aspirations and life chances of Kentucky's youth and the professional lives of Kentucky's teachers, is not susceptible to statistical analysis."

Asked for comment on the Report, Letcher County School Superintendent Kendall Boggs and Assistant Superintendent Jeff Mays said they had not had time to read it, but Mr. Boggs said he had been keeping up with the report through newspaper articles about it.

Judge Dixon writes about: THE STEPHEN CAUDILL FAMILY

By ARTHUR DIXON

Perhaps a chapter from the records of the Stephen Caudill family would not be amiss at this time. We have written heretofore mostly of the James Caudill family. You see these two men—Stephen and James Caudill were brothers and were born in Lunenburg County, Virginia, James in 1753 and Stephen in 1763. They migrated to North Carolina and from there both served in the Revolutionary War. After the war they came to Kentucky about the year 1811. James settled on Cowan Creek and Stephen settled at the mouth of Sandlick Creek.

Stephen Caudill married Sarah Adams in 1792, before coming to Kentucky. Sarah Adams was a relative of the Adams families which came to this county and settled in the vicinity of Mayking. Stephen and Sarah Adams Caudill had nine children, three of them having been born in North Carolina (Wilkes County) before coming to Kentucky. One of this family was Elder John

A. Caudill, who was one of the most respected and best loved men who ever lived in Eastern Kentucky. My great grandfather, Elder James Dixon was directed by the Indian Bottom Association to write a biography or eulogy of this great man and have it printed in the minutes of the Association.

Elder John A. Caudill (1798-1873) married Rachel Cornett, the daughter of William and Mary Everidge Cornett, who formerly lived at the mouth of Bull Creek. They had thirteen children, one of whom was Col. Ben Caudill, about whom we have written before the columns of The Mountain Eagle.

Col. Ben Caudill married Martha L. Asbury and they had nine children, one of whom was Elder Benjamin Franklin Caudill, who married Lucy Howes of North Carolina.

Elder Benjamin F. Caudill and wife had the following children: Lilly Belle Caudill, married John Shufeldt; Victor Cleveland Caudill married

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The Wall Street Journal takes a look at strip mine reclamation:

HAD TODAY'S MACHINERY DONE THE STRIPPING, MOST RECLAIMED AREAS WOULD LOOK TERRIBLE

By Everett Groseclose

Gene Lanning, a maintenance supervisor for Ohio Ferro Alloys Corp., likes nothing better than to see Friday afternoon roll around. As soon as the whistle blows at the factory in Philo, Ohio, he jumps into his camper and roars out into the sticks.

In southeastern Ohio, week-end camping is as common as strip mining for coal—and that's really common. One thing, however, sets Mr. Lanning apart from outdoorsmen in other parts of the country, and that is his favorite camping ground.

"To look at this," Mr. Lanning declares as he waves his hand to indicate the wooded hillsides and ponds that stretch for miles southward from the hamlet of Cumberland, "you might never know it's been strip-mined. Why the way it is now, it's almost as good as it was before the miners came in." Streams and ponds are alive with fish; deer hunting rates are some of the best in the state; beaver and muskrat are trapped during the winter.

It hasn't always been that way. Barely 20 years ago the valley that yawns southward from a small mountain known as Windy Hill looked more like a moonscape than a landscape, the handiwork of miners' pursuit of coal. Hundreds of acres, often as far as the eye could see, were chewed up and spit out by giant power shovels, leaving a terrain of jagged rock, deep trenches and mountains of raw, desolate land.

Throughout the Appalachian coal belt, thousands of acres, laid waste by miners as soon as they had scooped out the last chunks of coal, are still the way the countryside near Cumberland once was. Moreover, such environmental destruction is still going on, because strip mining for coal, one of the cheapest of industrial fuels continues to grow. Thus, the coal-mining industry is booming particularly in states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee.

But changes are clearly in the wind. Two counties in Kentucky have outlawed strip mining. In West Virginia, the state legislature has enacted a two-year ban on strip mines in 22 counties so far untouched by them. In 33 other counties, strip mining remains legal, but efforts to outlaw it are believed to be gaining support. And in Ohio, a bill backed by powerful conservationists would, among other things, require strip miners to restore land to its original contour.

In addition, President Nixon recently proposed federal regulations that would require all states to set standards for reclamation within two years. But Rep. Ken Hechler, a West Virginia Democrat who calls the Nixon proposal "toothless" wants faster and more decisive action. He introduced a bill that would ban strip mining for six months after enactment and provide federal funding of reclamation in a limited number of instances.

Whether legislation to control strip mining and force reclamation of old sites will ever get through Congress remains to be seen. But a visit to southeastern Ohio, where two of the country's largest stripmine operators have been working and reclaiming some land for

years, gives an observer a fairly good picture of the havoc brought by strip mining and what a certain amount of land might eventually look like if stiff reclamation laws are passed. It also helps explain why many students of strip mining are convinced that reclamation of land currently being stripped by mammoth machines may be impossible.

"The first thing that hits you when you get into strip-mining country is the mind boggling immensity of the problem," says Richard L. Lancione, a lawyer in Bell-air Ohio. He heads a group called Citizens Concerned About Strip Mining, which is sponsoring the Ohio Law. "Literally thousands and thousands of acres have been turned upside down, destroyed for all practical purposes," he says.

The kind of devastation Mr. Lancione is talking about is much in evidence about 10 miles west of Cumberland, where Ohio Power Co., a unit of American Electric Power Co., operates what is said to be the world's largest power shovel.

Known as "Big Muskie," the machine's boom is so long the operator frequently can't see the 220-cubic yard shovel in the early morning fog. The shovel, operating from the bottom of a trench, is capable of stripping off soil-called overburden to a depth of more than 160 feet to expose a layer of coal. Once the overburden is stripped off, it is called the "spoil bank"—a term critics say is extremely accurate.

Surrounding the shovel are hundreds of acres of devastated earth and jagged rock. Trudging along the bottom of the trench, Walter Smith, a young forester who is superintendent of reclamation for Ohio Power, says that "as soon as the stripping is finished, the bulldozers move in to grade the surface," in effect shaving off cones of piled soil. After grading, Mr. Smith says, "we move in to plant seedlings."

Ohio Power's basic approach to reclamation involves planting trees, which the company hopes may someday be reaped as lumber. "We plant about 1,000 seedlings per acre, and we reclaim 1,300 acres per year," Mr. Smith says. But even then to the untrained eye, it is clear that areas mined in recent years can never regain their original appearance and vegetation largely because mining machines in use today leave such devastation.

Areas mined years ago, generally with much smaller equipment that left much smaller scars, are usually the spots that companies point to with pride as having been reclaimed. And, indeed, some such areas are relatively attractive. For instance, the wilderness area frequented by Mr. Lanning of Ohio Ferro Alloys was mined with small equipment more than 25 years ago.

Trees that were planted then are now up to 40 feet tall and 18 inches in diameter. They help hide the ugly "final cuts"—trenches more than 50 feet deep on their uphill side left when the shovel made its final pass. How such areas would look today if larger mining equipment had been used is sheer guesswork. But critics familiar with techniques of mining agree with 47 year old Mr. Lanning, who has watched strip mining

all his life, when he says he believes that "it would look absolutely terrible."

Nonetheless such areas illustrate what can be accomplished in certain locations with reclamation. With its trees growing nicely, Ohio Power decided in 1964 to polish up its image by carving out primitive camp sites in the reforested acreage south of Cumberland. Currently the company has 18 such campsites. Visitors who must obtain a free permit from the company, can hunt on the property or fish in some of 300 ponds the company has created—most of them by damming up final cuts every few hundred yards. "On the weekends during the summer, I'll give you a dollar for every pond you can find that doesn't have a fisherman on it," Mr.

and reclamation for Hanna Coal estimates that Hanna has put \$130,000 into the park and its facilities. "Yeah" he concedes, "its awfully expensive—too expensive to do very much of it. We did it mainly just to prove it could be done, but I think its worthwhile from everyone's viewpoint."

Hanna Coal has also been working on a far more economical approach to reclamation near Cadiz. The company has planted 12,000 acres of strip-mined land with a perennial legume called crown vetch. On certain types of soil, the legume grows well and cattle thrive on it.

Showing a visitor across the gently rolling pastureland stocked with registered Hereford cattle that the fussiest rancher would take

the top of the spoil bank.

In addition, numerous companies have run into difficulty in disposing of a waste product from coal that is called "gob". Essentially gob is inferior coal. In many cases, it is removed from mined coal before the fuel is shipped to its user. Companies have tried various means of disposing of gob usually involving one kind of attempt or another at burying it in lowlying areas and covering it over with nontoxic soil.

Frequently burying gob works poorly. Hanna Coal's Mr. Wallace for instance, says that attempts to bury gob on about 250 acres near Cadiz have been only partly successful. The problem is that rainwater tends to seep through the nontoxic overlayer into the gob, drain



GRASS THAT ISN'T—A sign proclaims the existence of Kentucky 31 Fescue on this strip-mine spoilbank created by Bethlehem Steel Corporation's mining activities at Millstone in Letcher County. But there's very little grass—mostly bare rocks and falling trees which have slipped down the hillside as the result of the strip mining. (Photo by Lauran Emerson).

Smith says.

If Ohio Power's reclamation projects are partially successful, they are also partly "showcase efforts". Others have gone even further. A striking example of showcase reclamation and what can be done if enough money and effort are pumped into the job can be found east of Cambridge, Ohio. There, Hanna Coal, a division of Consolidation Coal Co., has built a 400 acre public park called Sallie Buffalo the park comprises a 27 acre lake, parking space for house trailers, a lodge for parties and facilities for picnicking and camping.

Thousands of lovers of the outdoors visit Sallie Buffalo each year, and long-time residents of the area are the first to say the park is a vast improvement. Walking along the shore of the lake as he flips a lure into the water and then retrieves it, Herman Eberling, a retired steelworker, tells how he has "lived around here all my life." Mr. Eberling adds: "This park is certainly a lot better than the way it was then this country was all torn up but it still old beat up mining country."

C. Arthur Wallace, general superintendent for land use

pride in owning, Mr. Wallace says that Hanna Coal is "making a tiny profit" on its cattle operations. "The company keeps asking me what we're going to do with all this (stripped) land," Mr. Wallace declares. "My answer is that five years from now we're going to be in the cattle business in a big way." In Hanna Coal's case that may be true. But certainly it isn't true for many other coal mining concerns. The reason: Hanna Coal is unusually fortunate. The overburden on much of the land mined by the company is mostly limestone. Unlike so-called acid sandstone, which covers most seams or layers of coal, plant life grows relatively well on limestone spoil banks. Says Mr. Smith of Ohio Power: When you've got a spoil bank that is acid sandstone, you just plant your trees and pray.

The type of soil created by strip mining is indeed a crucial factor in the difficulty of reclamation. Nothing will grow on soil that contains small chunks of coal or powdered coal.

The earth directly above coal seams is heavily acid. This type of material is sometimes the last to come out of the final cut; thus it is what occasionally goes on

downhill and emerge at a lower terrain level, polluting both land and streams. Such seepage often results in drainage almost the color of blood. "That water will eat the nails right out of your boots," says Donald E. Richter, field director of the Ohio Reclamation Association, a group formed in 1945 by coal mining concerns to handle much of their reclamation work.

Rugged terrain also sometimes makes it impossible for miners to reclaim stripmined land. Particularly in mountainous Appalachia, experts say, the terrain is simply so rough that power shovels can make only one pass, throwing the spoil downhill. In many instances, the mountain is so steep that the spoil disperses itself as it tumbles downhill, leaving only the ugly final cut and no spoil bank to grade.

Most critics object the loudest to abandoning final cuts with little or no effort to reclaim the land. The reason, of course, is that the final cut is the most obvious and lasting scar. Even in countryside that isn't particularly mountainous, the final cuts are almost never filled. Instead, they are dammed up every so often, (Continued on Page 18)

McROBERTS:**Patsy Crouse improves after surgery in Texas**

By MADELYN COMBS

Congratulations to Pam Austin who graduated from Morehead University on Mothers day. Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Jean and her children and Roger all attended the graduation. Pam is now visiting her brother Johnny in Detroit and plans to work there for awhile.

Here last week to attend the funeral of Carl Anderson were his brothers Bill and family of Akron, Ohio, Henry and Buster of Norton and a sister Lorle Gibson and family from Gate City, Virginia.

Marybelle Beaire visited last week with her daughter Tivis Chandler and family in Austin Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mercer spent a few days recently shopping in Charlottesville Virginia.

Birthday wishes are sent to Sharon Kaye Wilson, Lisa Back and George Wojciechowski.

Freda Anderson of Shelby Gap spent part of last week with her aunt Katherine Anderson and her son Mike.

Paul and Phyllis Vinson and two sons of Dayton spent the weekend with Phyllis's parents, Arthur and Oma Brown. They brought Oma home after she had visited a few days with them and a son Bill and his family.

I guess a lot of people were disappointed at the results of the primary election. Lets not worry too much about it, because the ones of us who lost our votes may still get some of the people we wanted elected in the final votes that count the most in November.

Work has been completed to enlarge the Regular Baptist Luncheon. It is now large enough to serve large crowds which they have for dinner after the services. Its also beautiful.

Zula Sword sends birthday

wishes to her daughter-in-law Nancy Sword of Vinton Ohio.

The Earl Howard family have lots of birthdays in May. We send wishes to Mark Wayne, Rhonda Lynn, Sonny and Eddie Wayne.

Weekend visitors with Buck and Ruth Anderson were Ruth's twin sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Logan from Hampton, Virginia.

Novella Sumpter spent Thursday night with her daughter, Thelma Kaye Tackett and children at Dorton.

Recent visitors with Etta Perry were her niece and husband, Glenda and James Miller from New Albany, Indiana.

Glad to report that Lige and Evelyn Crouse's daughter Patsy is doing fine after having major surgery in Texas last week.

Irvin and Bea Puckett spent Sunday visiting friends Mr. and Mrs. Ked Mullins at Pound Virginia.

Larry Thompson of Chicago spent last weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson at Haymond and his father and mother in law Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sword.

Everyone was shocked when word came last Wednesday evening of the death of Carl Dann in Florida. Carl died unexpectedly but had been ill in health for a long time. The Dann's are former residents of Mc Roberts and his mother, Laura Gardner still lives here. We send our deepest sympathy to Laura and family.

We hope Mrs. Guy Penny who has been sick for several days is feeling better.

There was a birthday party at the home of Lydia Back last Wednesday to celebrate Lisa's birthday. Several little friends attended and enjoyed playing games and having refreshments. Lisa received a lot of pretty gifts.

Johnny Parker is home



A BEE DIPS ITS NOSE into the nectar of a common blue wildflower and begins the production of honey for the fall harvest.

after finishing his first year at Morehead University. He is employed for the summer at Scotia Coal Co., at Cumberland where his father works.

Jimmy Howard attended the funeral of his brother in law Carl Dann in Florida but his mother, Bertha Howard was not able to make the trip.

Visiting last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Huff Sr. were their daughter and family, Roger and Patricia Elkins and children of Louisville. They were here to attend the funeral of Roger's sister Midge Schindler on Payne Gap.

We are wishing a speedy recovery to Mrs. Alvin Anderson who was a patient at Jenkins Hospital last week. She is the mother of Debert and Katherine Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott spent a week in Nashville with their son Don and family; another son TSGT Ronald and family were also there and were on their way to Travis Air Force Base in California where he will be stationed for the next three years. Mrs. Scott and Don's wife attended the grand old opera on Saturday night.

Welcome greetings to the Cox family from Fleming who are living in the Vinson house in thirteen row.

Earl Howard Jr. and Sonny have returned to work in Indianapolis. Earl's sister in law came here last weekend and took his wife Ann and baby daughter back to Indianapolis where they will live.

Good luck wishes are sent to Flora Carswell who moved to Detroit last weekend. Her sons Emory and Raymond and grandson, Rocky Hollon came from Detroit and moved her things and took her back with them.

Michael and Vickie Sparks bought Mrs. Carlswells house in fifteen hollow and will make their home there.

Wedding bells rang last Saturday evening when Brenda Sue Banks became the bride of James Hall. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Lonnie Holmes at the home of Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Banks. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hall of Rockhouse and is a senior at Morehead University and Sue is a licensed practical nurse. Several friends and family members

attended the wedding and the reception which was also at the Banks home following the wedding.

Here to attend the Banks Hall wedding were Sue's brothers and sisters and their families. Reba Nell Litton and children were home from Norfolk Virginia. Joann Sparkman and family of Dupont Indiana, Ray Lee Banks of Louisville, Irvin and Cecilia of Columbus, Indiana and Sue's cousin and family, Glenna and Howard Roster and their children of Louisville attended the wedding.

Ethel, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan and children Robin and Cynthia spent memorial weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Crosbie and sons in Huntington, West Virginia. Ethel will spend two weeks with the Crosbies before she returns home.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Collins were their son Verlon and his family from Indianapolis.

Jim Dorton of Kingsport visited memorial weekend with his mother Goldie Dorton.

Visiting memorial weekend with Mrs. Huffman were her children and grandchildren: Lucille and Roy Fleming of Aberdeen, Ohio were home with her and their daughter and family, Bill and Ruth Dunn and three children of Louisville and Nancy Adams of Hampton, Virginia.

Congratulations to Betty Easterling and Silas Meade who were married a few days ago at Clintwood.

Silas is employed in Illinois where they are now living. Home for the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Shird Little were their daughter and husband, Ronald and Sherry Brown of Appalachia, Virginia.

Home for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Mullins were their daughter and her husband, Delores and Gary Davis of Dalton, Georgia and their son and wife Benny Al and Nancy from Sandusky, Ohio.

Visiting a few days last week with Claude, Lonnie, and Otis Holmes and their families were their sister and husband Dolie and George Bogert of Allantown, Pa.

Home memorial week end with Mr. and Mrs. Coda

Mullins were their children, Betty Hedgepeth and husband Holland and Victor of Louisville and Coda Jr. and family from Charlestown, West Virginia. Victor spent most of his time here with his wife Lily and their children.

Get well wishes are sent to Harve Little, a patient in a Pikeville hospital. His brother and sister, Shird Little and Mrs. Coda Mullins visited him last Sunday.

Glad that damage was only minor when the home of Coopie and Jo Collins caught fire last Sunday. The fire was caused by an electric heater in the bath room. The Neon fire truck came immediately and the fire was under control very quickly.

Jim and Charlene Collins have moved from Detroit back to Letcher County. Charlene's brother Clyde Collins went to Detroit last week end and drove the truck with their furniture back for them.

Mary Mullins had lots of company the past few days. Her daughter and family, Betty and Eldred Tackett and three children of Lincoln Park, Michigan came on Wednesday to spend memorial week end with her. Joining them during the holidays were another daughter and family, Marjorie and Jerry Stillwell and son Zack Elkins and Hershel Clouse and a friend all of Detroit. Also visiting with them on Sunday were Mr. Mullins's cousin, Montain Henley and her son Wamie Sperton and family from Bypro, Ky. and Vickie Riddle.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Mullins of Berkley, Michigan for your subscription to the Mountain Eagle. We hope you enjoy reading the Letcher County news.

Visiting Memorial week end with Willard and Donna Hall were Donna's grandparents, J. G. and Alta Quillen and her aunt and her three children from Ohio.

Lily Mae Wilson of Detroit spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Anderson and her sister and husband Emmett and Nellie Gibson at Dunham.

Get well wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Basemore and Mattie Lathan who are all on the sick list.

There was lots of pretty

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THANK YOU

To the people of Letcher County and a portion of Harlan and Leslie Counties (the 90th District):

I want to express my sincere appreciation to those of you who worked so hard for me during my campaign. I appreciate your work, and I will remember your efforts.

I want to thank all of you who voted for me and I am grateful for your expression of your trust, for giving me the opportunity to be the nominee on the democrat ticket for state representative.

I thank my opponents for the manner in which they conducted their campaign. I feel that they were fair and honest in every respect.

I have no ill feelings toward anyone. I think it's the duty of every citizen to exercise their rights as free Americans to vote for the candidate of their choice.

I ask all the people of the 90th District for their vote in the November general election. I assure you that I will return your trust by serving all the people with fairness and honesty to everyone as your state representative.

RUDOLPH
'Doc'
WILLIAMS

(Paid for by the Candidate)

Coal Patrol by Tom Bethell:

SELLING THE INTERIOR DEPT.

WASHINGTON-- LAST JANUARY, when Rogers C.B. Morton was nominated as Secretary of the Interior, he told the Senate he was "totally committed to the proposition of bringing better management, better service, and better rewards to the nation from the efforts of this Department." He may still have that goal in mind, but there are indications that the Secretary may be equally committed to making Interior a wing of the Republican National Committee (which Morton headed before accepting his new post) and using the huge department as just one of many launching pads for the re-election of Richard Nixon in 1972. If so, Morton is steering Interior straight into at least one major conflict of interest. The immediate victims: the nation's coal miners.

When Morton became Secretary, his chief aide at the GOP National Committee, Jim Allison, left the committee to go into public relations -- in partnership with Harry Treleven, the former Madison Avenue ad man who masterminded Nixon's 1968 campaign publicity. On February 18, a bare three weeks after taking over at Interior, Morton hired Treleven at \$121 a day to do a "fact-finding study" of Interior's information programs. Treleven put together files on the department's information officers, their projects, budgets, materials and attitudes. When reporters found out about the assignment in mid-March, Treleven said his only goal was to help make sure Interior "spends its dollars wisely in ways that will do the most good for the public." He denied allegations that the project was mainly designed to do good for Harry Treleven, reassuring skeptics that the consulting job would end no later than May 17.

Apparently it did -- with Treleven an estimated \$7,000 to the good. But just three days later, Treleven went back to Morton and suggested that the best way to improve Interior's image would be by giving Treleven's company a fat contract. What he had in mind was a complete campaign -- films, TV spots, billboards, bumper stickers, the works -- on mine safety, a subject which has understandably made Interior and its Bureau of Mines look less than perfect (since Nixon took office more than 500 miners have been killed in the mines, and the administration has been widely accused of fouling up on enforcement of the 1969 Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act). The central message of Treleven's campaign was that if miners would just shape up and watch what they were doing, they wouldn't get killed.

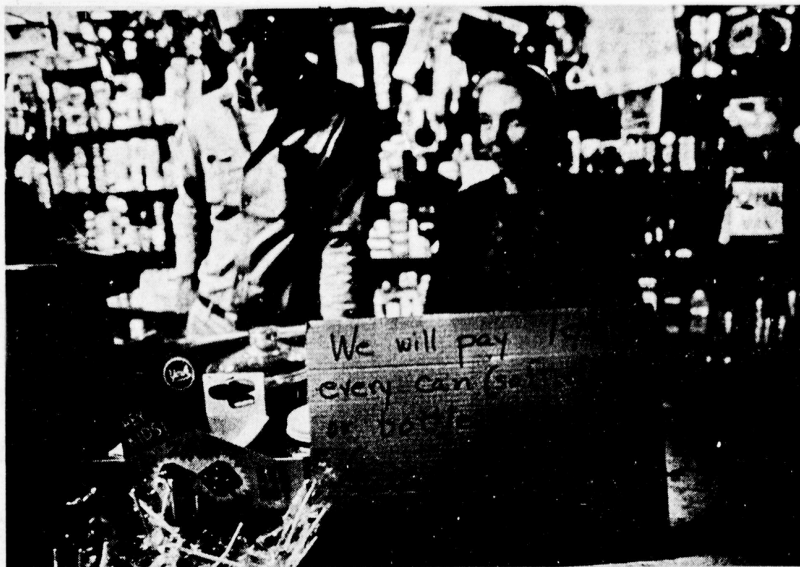
Blaming miners for mine accidents is a popular theme with industry, of course, and one that is echoed by many Bureau of Mines officials in Washington, even though their own field inspectors have repeatedly blamed company negligence -- cutting corners to push production instead of protection -- for the majority of coal mine deaths. The Bureau's public information office clammed up when COAL PATROL asked for details of the proposal, admitting only that "we do have under consideration an unsolicited report from Mr. Treleven" and that "some people in the Bureau think the proposal has merit." The Bureau's spokesman didn't want to comment on whether it was proper for Treleven to use information he had picked up as a supposedly objective "evaluator" as the basis for a proposal which would benefit his own company. Asked whether any large-scale public relations campaign wouldn't have to be put out for competitive bids, the spokesman said he didn't think so -- adding that the Bureau would not, of course, approve the proposal without first making sure that Treleven's books were in order and that he was an equal-opportunity employer!

The Bureau's spokesman wouldn't tell COAL PATROL how much money Treleven wants for his campaign, and one of Treleven's aides wasn't much more helpful (Treleven himself was out of town and unavailable for comment). But COAL PATROL did learn that Treleven's company hopes to split the job with Holder-Kennedy, a Nashville public relations firm, and a telephone call to Holder-Kennedy's president, Hal Kennedy, turned up the information that the proposal, which Kennedy described as a "comprehensive communications campaign," is divided into several phases. The first, Kennedy said, would be aimed at "research and fact-finding" on coal miners' attitudes and other subjects, and would cost roughly \$40,000. Then Treleven and Holder-Kennedy would gear up for the main show, whose cost Kennedy wasn't prepared to estimate. COAL PATROL's own estimate, based on the going rates for films, TV spots, billboards, etc., is that the proposal will cost the taxpayers at least a quarter of a million dollars, and probably two or three times that much.

The Treleven proposal raises some sticky questions, such as:

--TIMING: It was just last November that President Nixon himself sent a memo to the various government agencies criticizing "self-serving and wasteful public relations efforts" and ordering an immediate shut-off of "inappropriate promotional activities." The idea was to save some money, and it may have been taken seriously at Interior; at least the budget was cut back, a few weeks before Morton arrived. Whether or not Treleven's proposal is "self-serving," it would certainly seem "wasteful," because the Bureau of Mines has its own facilities for producing films and other educational materials and has a number of TV spots, pamphlets, posters and other safety messages in circulation.

--PRIORITY: The Bureau's critics don't buy the



MR. AND MRS. JOE BEGLEY, WHO RUN THE C. B. CAUDILL GENERAL STORE IN BLACKKEY, put this sign up in front of their store, hoping it would encourage area residents to clean up some of the bottles and cans strewn through the area. The effort worked-- in less than one week, the Begleys gave out \$32.00, representing over 3,200 soft drink cans and bottles turned in. They hope other Letcher County storekeepers will make similar contributions in their areas. (Phil Primack photo)

idea that miners mainly get themselves killed; they believe that the government's biggest challenge is to get coal operators to comply with the tough safety regulations written into the 1969 Coal Act. They don't believe the Bureau has made much effort in that direction. The House Education and Labor Committee, investigating the Bureau's performance in connection with the Kentucky mine disaster that took 38 lives last December, has concluded that the agency was "derelict," and Sen. Harrison Williams, chairman of the Senate Labor Subcommittee, charged June 1 that only a "massive shake-up" can save the Bureau. The government's General Accounting Office, asked by Williams last August to make a thorough inquiry into the Bureau's enforcement record, reported this week that the agency has been "extremely lenient, confusing, uncertain, and inequitable." The Bureau's critics agree that the Bureau needs, more than anything else, to put its own house in order before it can even begin to justify bombarding miners with a high-powered -- and probably misleading -- campaign aimed at convincing them that they're the culprits when something goes wrong.

--CONFLICT OF INTEREST: It's reasonable to raise an eyebrow when federal funds are about to be doled out to a former GOP National Committee man, Jim Allison, who just happens to have gone into partnership with the President's own image-builder, Harry Treleven, at exactly the same time that Allison's boss, Rogers Morton, became Secretary of Interior -- and hired Treleven to "evaluate" his department.

Maybe it's all just coincidence -- but maybe some Congressional committee will want to ask the Interior Secretary how the whole scheme squares with his promise, in January, "to get the Bureau of Mines onstream, to bring up its competence... to try and develop a department that carries out the will of Congress."

THE SUPREME COURT refused May 17 to consider an appeal from a lower court decision in which the United Mine Workers leadership was convicted of conspiring with Consolidation Coal Company to force a middle-size Kentucky coal operator out of business. The court's action means that the earlier decision stands, and the UMWA will be forced to pay South-East Coal Company more than \$4,000,000 in damages and interest.

The anti-trust case was first argued before a federal judge in Kentucky in 1968. South-East, which had operated under a union contract since the 1930's, went non-union in 1962, after first pleading with UMW leaders to adjust the contract to assist marginal operators in Eastern Kentucky. The UMW refused. South-East sued, charging that the UMW's agreements with large operators, led by Consol, were deliberately aimed at forcing smaller companies out of business and concentrating production in the hands of a few giant corporations. Testimony in the case demonstrated how union miners in Eastern Kentucky suffered as the middle-size companies were driven out of the business -- or forced to cancel their union contracts. There was nowhere else for the miners to work, but without UMW contracts they lost their medical benefits and their pension rights. The UMW leadership made more money than ever: the big

operators, which employed relatively few men because they were highly automated, continued to pay 40¢ a ton into the UMW Welfare Fund. But as more and more mines went non-union -- or out of business -- there were fewer men who could qualify for Fund benefits. One result: huge cash surpluses built up in the union-owned National Bank of Washington -- making tidy profits for bankers and a few UMW leaders, but not for the rank-and-file.

The South-East case is reportedly the biggest anti-trust judgement ever handed down against a union. In the lower court's decision, South-East was awarded \$7.3 million in damages, and accumulated interest since then will bring the total to an estimated \$8.6 million. The union and Consol are expected to split the cost 50-50. In Consol's case, the loss can be absorbed easily from company profits. But the union's money will come from dues paid in by thousands of miners. They may be more than a little bitter to see it disappear as a direct result of policies that put their union in bed with the most powerful men in the coal industry.

Miners for Democracy (MFD), the union's reform faction, on May 29 requested the Labor Department to impose a monitorship on the union -- which the department has the power to do under federal labor laws. Among other points, MFD charged that union policies are putting it in danger of bankruptcy. Citing the South-East case, MFD pointed out that the UMWA has suffered a number of other setbacks in court, and the damages involved are reaching staggering proportions. According to MFD, the union's reported assets are \$86,310,415. It has nearly \$12 million out in loans, some of which can't be collected; has paid out millions of dollars in other court cases, and may have to pay up to \$30 million in the Blankenship case in which UMW members and miner's widows sued the Welfare Fund this spring (federal judge Gerhard Gesell is expected to determine the actual damages later this month). In court cases still pending, the union could lose another \$30 million. In all, said MFD, "the reckless and irresponsible leadership of the union" has already cost its members \$73 million in damages already paid or pending. "Are you going to sit by," MFD asked the Labor Department, "while the dues contributed by miners over their lifetimes are lost?"

So far the Labor Department hasn't been scurrying to help reform the union. Late in May, it asked for and got another delay in the pending trial in which the government seeks to overturn the December, 1969, election in which UMW president Boyle claimed victory over challenger Jack Yablonski. The trial, scheduled for June 2, has now been postponed until September 13.

The Bureau of Mines has installed a "Hot Line" telephone at its Washington headquarters, available 24 hours a day to miners who have complaints about conditions where they work. The number is Area Code 202, 343-4864. A miner calls collect, the complaint is recorded, and "a top Bureau official acts on the information the next day," says the Bureau. Callers must describe the hazard they report and must identify the mine -- but they do not have to give their own names.

MILLSTONE:

If you've never hoed tall corn in the sun, you don't know work

By MABEL KISER

Well, Blackberry Winter is over now, and the sun is out and is nice and warm. The garden can grow now; weeds, too. Which brings to memory happy times of long ago. How many old timers remember when the farmers were out of their "first weeds"? Fields of corn, mostly hillside, were hoed three times. Fathers plowed the corn rows with Old Beck and the children followed with hoes. If you have never hoed tall corn with the sun beaming down the later part of June you really don't know much about hard work; that is, unless you pulled fodder or picked cornfield beans in the tall corn. Then you would know. We oldsters earned our bread by the sweat of our face. But it was honest toil, and we helped our neighbor when he was impoverished. Thus our sleep was sweet and our conscience clear.

Friends of Elder Alonzo Watts of Carr Creek might be interested in hearing how he came out second best in a pony ride last week. A nephew was riding and liking the ride so well that he insisted that his uncle take a ride. He did. But somehow the pony became unbalanced and Mr. Watts took a tumble head first to the ground.

Blaine and I visited my mother in Winchester Monday. She is doing fine and we enjoyed the visit. My sister, Malvia Lee, came over and we drove to Lexington for a visit with my niece, Nina Marie Kiser, who is doing fair after major surgery in the St. Joseph Hospital last week. Nina, who has cerebral palsy, will spend several weeks in a body cast. She is such a cheerful child and is always trying to cheer her mother up so that her own illness will not worry her mother. Bless her, and she was so glad to see us, I hope I can get back again soon. If you find time, a card means so much to Nina, who will spend, any long weeks flat on her back. Her address is Cardinal Hill Hospital, 2050 Versailles Road, Lexington.

Our son-in-law, Bob Bentley, was up from Louisville for a visit last week.

Among the eighth grade gradu-

ating class of Martha Jane Potter School at Kona were: Billy Gerald Adams, son of the Sewing Center's secretary, Mrs. Nancy Carol Adams; Kathy Ables, daughter of the Vernon Ables's, board member of the Millstone Council and CAC and LKLP; and Alma Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rose, Kona. Alma, almost 16, a victim of polio when she was 2, has been a homebound student and did quite well in her studies. Mr. Begie Breeding was her teacher the past year and Alma liked her teacher, which I think accounts for the good grades.

Elder Ballard Meade of Fleming came home from a fishing trip at Cherokee Lake last week with a lot of fish. All the big ones did not get away.

Miss Donna N. Martin of Morehead and her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bennett (Gretti) and their daughter Eresia of Louisville were visiting their parents, the Sherd Martins, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bentley of Fleming spent a pleasant afternoon Wednesday visiting the Ballard Meades.

I have one good friend still, Little Byron Bentley, son of my neighbors, the Bud McElroys. Byron, too young to go to school, is out and waves at Mabel and her "Boltswagen" as I drive by. This gesture of friendship means a lot to me, Byron.

Miss Wilma Rose of Cincinnati and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Phillips (Doloros) of Detroit and baby, Tommy, Jr., were here for the graduation of their sister, Alma Rose, who graduated with the class at the Martha Jane Potter School. The girls both have new cars. The Phillips have a red Squareback Volkswagen and Miss Rose has a blue Super-beetle convertible Volkswagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis of Kona, Mrs. Blanche McSwain of Jenkins and Mrs. Naomi Hagans of Red Fox all drove to Atlanta last week to talk with the Atlanta office of OEO about the program of the Sewing Center. Those in the Atlanta office were very nice and promised to do what they could for us. Atlanta is beautiful country, and while we did not have time to visit any historical places we did enjoy the scenery.

Our daughter, Lorelei K. Bentley (Dottie) took a course of study at Louisville University this winter and came out with an "A".

Remember Ellis and Ida Collier that lived on Millstone before going to Spokane, Wash. Their three children, Tootsie, Louise and Eddie are quite grown up now. Tootsie is married, Louise is an airline stewardess and Eddie is in the Air Force stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. This week Eddie came to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Collier, Marlow, and other relatives in Letcher. He came by with his cousin, Miss Louisa (Sissie) Collier of Sergeant, Blaine and I were glad to have the children visit with us. Eddie was around eight years old when he left here. He was quite disappointed to find the schoolhouse burned down at the forks of Millstone where he attended his first school. He will go to Europe soon with his Air Force unit. He remembered many things happening in and around Millstone and many scenes. Sissie, daughter of Oscar and the late Josephine Cook Collier is quite, is quite grown up. She and Eddie both with their parents (their fathers are brothers) had lived at different times in the home now occupied by the Claude Bentleys. Eddie remembered, but Sissie was too small to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Aldridge of Mayking have returned from a wonderful two week vacation touring the Western states. They visited California where they saw Disney Land, and drove through New Mexico and Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bentley of Amherst, Ohio, visited a week with his mother, Mrs. Clara Bentley, and his sister, Mrs. Melvin Wright. Another son, Roger, came from Louisville to visit his mother on Mothers Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose have moved into a home owned by the Melvin Wrights in Holbrook Town. The Roses are fine neighbors and the community is happy to have them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Goins were the Tuesday dinner guests of the Roscoe Webbs of Millstone.

Mrs. Eliza Tolson is home from the hospital but is still not feeling too well.

Randall Maggard was injured Saturday while racing at the Isom Stock Car Races.

Thank you, Mrs. Bentley, for sending me your news. I appreciate it.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monrow Baker (Ann) were here this weekend for a visit with her parents, the Jake Bentleys.

Mrs. Leah Brown is a patient in the Jenkins hospital. She has been caring for her mother, Mrs. Polly Wright Bentley, who is very ill. Mrs. Corbet Rose is staying with Mrs. Bentley while her daughter is in the hospital.

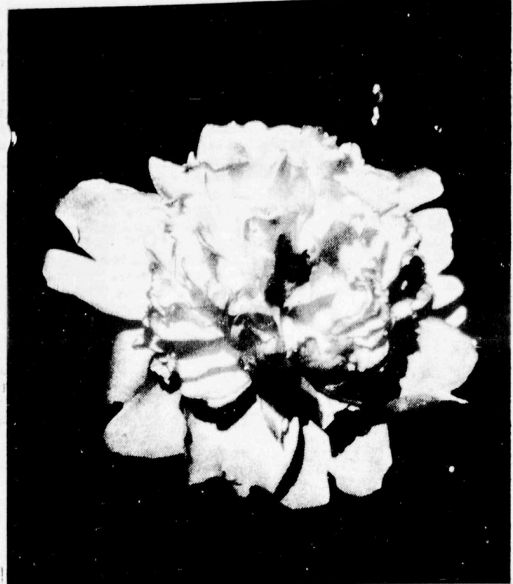
Aunt Sarah Jane Franklin is very ill in the Jenkins hospital. Her grandson Benjie found her very ill in her home and she was rushed to the hospital.

Mrs. Jane Mullins is much improved but still a patient at the Jenkins hospital.

Miss Gemma Lee Bentley, daughter of James Bentley, is doing fair after an appendectomy in the Jenkins hospital.

Mrs. Jaley Taylor of Whitaker is still very ill in the Whitesburg hospital.

Aunt Nan Bentley is not doing too well this week. Visiting her over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Salyers of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Bentley and children Jerry Jr. and Audrey, Mr. and



Peonies are putting on a special show this year in many mountain gardens.

Mrs. Fred Bentley and children Freddy Jr. and Todd, and Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Bentley, all of Dayton. Also visiting her were Mr. and Mrs. Danny Blair and daughter Angela and Charles Blair from Detroit, Mrs. Wilma Cole and a friend, Joe Bengie and some members of his family from Freeburn, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pass and son Jeffery of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hall and son Robert drove to Smoot Creek on Mothers Day for a nice visit with her mother, Mrs. Matilda Caudill. Mrs. Hall helped cook dinner for her mother's guests.

Recent visitors to see Mrs. Nan Bentley were her daughter, Sue, and her husband, Roy Bentley from Detroit. Mrs. Bentley tells us that her twin sons, Allan and Jerry, will soon graduate from high school in Detroit. This spring three high schools in Detroit all got together and chartered a plane for a five-

day trip in the Bahama Islands. This was such a wonderful experience for these children. Allan had made the highest grades in all three high schools and was one of the managers of the trip. Jerry is studying cooking and will become a chef.

Among those visiting the Dewey Roses Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carter and their children, Janet, Tracey, Haig, of McRoberts; Mrs. Margaret Potter and baby daughter, Mrs. Tommy Phillips and baby son, Tommy, Jr., Miss Wilma Rose, all from Cincinnati, and Mrs. Nora Jane Williams and daughters Carol and Brenda, of Kona; Mrs. Peggy Mingie of Cincinnati; Misses Anna Phillips, Janice Phillips and Frances Phillips, of Secor; Misses Shelia Vronica and Mary McBeck, of Millstone, and Blaine and me, Blaine and I with the Ballard Meades drove to Beehive

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STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SEEKS WAYS TO CUT DOWN ON DUMP TRUCK DEATHS

Frankfort - The Highway Department's Safety Committee has been looking into the feasibility of various devices to curb the numerous accidents that occur with dump-trucks.

The department, as well as many municipalities, have had numerous fatalities and injuries occur when workers get behind a dumptruck, the driver is unable to see them, and the driver reverses the truck.

The safety regulations surrounding this matter have been of little help. Workers are expressly told not to get behind the truck at any time when the driver is operating it; but supervisors cannot be with all the trucks all the time.

One of the devices studied was an alarm manufactured by an Iowa firm. When the truck was put in reverse, the horn automatically sounded. This model costs over \$125 uninstalled.

An alternative to this would be a horn device designed by a Highway Department equipment supervisor in Lexington. His device would cost \$10. An innovation of this design

is being discussed by the Safety Committee.

The deaths by backward moving vehicles must be curbed, says Highway Commissioner B. E. King. Such accidents account for 20-25% of all accidents within the department.

Pikeville College makes grants

Pikeville - Pikeville College announced it has awarded scholarships to three Letcher County students for the 1971-72 school year.

The scholarships were awarded to Joseph Frederic Montebello, a Jenkins High School graduate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Montebello, McRoberts; to Craig Cole Anderson, Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Anderson, and Miss Jayne Robinson, Whitesburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Robinson. Anderson is a graduate of Jenkins High School, Miss Robinson a graduate of Whitesburg High School.

THE CAVES GET BIGGER AND BIGGER AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE VISIT THEM AND TELL THEIR VERSION

By SILLER BROWN

We now close the book for the month of May, and file away its memories to be read by the future generation.

It is time to turn a new leaf, looking to the month of June. With its wedding bells and roses, June seems to be the flush of life.

The flower for the month of June is the honeysuckle, a pretty flower with a lovely odor. The birthstone is pearl, which is worn with pride.

People's gardens are looking very pretty, in spite of these cool days and nights. While the people are at work, I see the bean bugs are doing their work, too. My beans had to be dusted.

The moles are giving a lot of trouble, so I think it would be a good idea to open a few places in their tunnels and sprinkle in a few grains of lye and try that.

The way things have been building up in Whitesburg lately sure is improving the looks of the town. They start on a building and in such a short time it is finished, and looks so pretty.

I don't know where all the money is coming from, but if I knew I sure would hold my hat when they shake the bush. I could use some, too. My house needs a new roof. Oh, well, the poor will go on living, as will the rich, and in the end when we meet we will all be equal.

I am so pleased to see Whitesburg building up. It has been behind so long. But they need a by-pass. There's too much traffic through those streets, and too much noise. And it is dangerous. But when they see the need is so bad, they will put the road through some way to give more room.

The people took advantage of the long week end and visited the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Blair had as week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blair and four children from Elizabethtown, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Banks and four children, Polly Ann Banks and Ruby Brashear were here from Hope, Ind.

Mrs. Ada Brashear came from Cumberland, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ison, Donald Ison and wife and children, Wanda and Stevie, came from Jackson, Ky. They visited the Banks cemetery, then on to Cotton Patch on Kingdome Creek, for a visit over there.

People who moved away several years ago are happy to get a chance to visit back here in Letcher County. Although the visit is short, it brings its sweet memories of their childhood days.

Sorry to hear of Sarah Elkins' accident. I wish her a speedy recovery.

The cemeteries are decorated so pretty. They look like a flower bed—a city that sits on a hill and can't be hidden, just a beautiful city of the dead.

There were several good church services at different places, and it has been a beautiful day.

Today was a good day to meet many friends who came a long way to visit the graves of their loved ones. Here in the Blair cemetery at the mouth of Cowan I met Mr. and Mrs. Mazel Brown and Mahona Ruhl, from Detroit. They were visiting the graves of their loved ones who have been gone a long time.

There have been some visitors in most every home over the week end, too many to mention by name.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Banks are doing about as well as usual. Some of the children

were home for the holiday, which always cheers up parents.

Mrs. Bernard Banks says most of the people on Little Cowan are well as could be expected.

Mrs. Mary Banks is not too well. Miss Betty Fields is home, and is improving some. Mrs. Hiram Caudill has not been too well, but might be some better.

Jeff Whitaker still is in the Jenkins hospital. He is not doing much good, says his wife, Mrs. Allie Whitaker.

They say they are going to widen and blacktop the road on Kingdom Come. Why not make the road on out to the Cowan Highway and give the people a way to get out of that creek. Let them get some of their tax money back. They pay high taxes over there as well as others do, and get nothing in return.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown were home over the week end with their little son, Kris. They now are living at Ashland, Ky.

The carnival has been in and has gone on somewhere else. The youngsters had fun, but after it was over and gone, there were many empty pockets.

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Mallie Shepherd's accident. Hope she recovers soon. She lives at Blackey, and have many friends down there.

It is awfully cool and chilly for the time of the year, but I usually have my last fire on the first day of June. This probably is blackberry winter. There ought to be plenty of berries, for there is a real heavy bloom, if they don't blight.

Today is May 29th, and it is still raining. I guess if it did stop raining we would have a long dry spell.

Now that the election is over the people can settle back down to normal and be as happy as they were before they got into the race. It is not the end of everything, as it may seem. There will always be another time.

The caves are getting to be more exciting as each person goes in and comes out with his own story, which is something to listen to. They are getting bigger and better all the time.

Mrs. Hettie York and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Bryant from Bristol, Tenn., came by for a short visit Saturday evening. Danny York also came. I was very pleased to have them. Although the visit was short, it was sweet.

The family and friends of Ada Tyree have my deepest sympathy. She passed away last week. Ada was a friend to all who knew and loved her. No doubt she will be greatly missed here, but let's

hope our loss will be heaven's gain.

Mrs. Mary Caudill is home now, doing ok.

Some of the boys went fishing today and caught a good mess of fish for a change. I like to go along and sit on the bank and relax.

Milburn Collins and his two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Caudill and Mr. and Mrs. Branville Adams from Indiana were in over the week end to see about the home place and to visit the graves of their loved ones on Big Cowan.

It doesn't seem to be quite so snakey this year, but still I have heard of a few being killed. Cats are better than dogs to kill snakes, so better get yourself two or three for

that purpose.

Mrs. Atha Frazier and Mrs. Pearl Boggs are still able to make trips to Indiana to see their children and friends, and they enjoy it very much.

Lemon nectar or juice is very valuable in the kitchen for many uses, and it also is a good mouth wash.

Keep plenty of prepared mustard on hand for bee stings and insect bites through the summer. It works fine.

There's not much news from Big Cowan. Most everybody seems to be ok and working, building and prettying up things.

So I will close my column by hoping everyone stays well and able to work.

LEES JUNIOR AND ALICE LLOYD COLLEGES GET FUNDS FOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Pippa Passes - The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Alice Lloyd College and Lees Junior College a \$15,000 grant for an oral history of Appalachia project.

The grant will enable Marc Landy, assistant in sociology and political science at Alice Lloyd, to complete a summer program of collecting Appalachian folk talks, riddles, songs and stories.

Sixteen Alice Lloyd and Lees Junior students will use tape recorders to collect information from senior citizens in their home areas in several eastern Kentucky counties. The students will begin work June 1 and continue for 10 weeks.

The tape recordings will be transcribed by the students and the information will be made available for scholars and researchers.

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Jenkins Area:**CARL DANN DIES IN FLORIDA; TRAGEDY STRIKES TWO PAYNE GAP HOMES AS AUTO CRASHES**

By MADELYN COMBS

Jenkins like other communities had lots of visitors Memorial weekend. People traveled for hundreds of miles to visit and decorate the graves of their loved ones.

Doug and Gene Gallion and their families of Grand River, Ohio visited their mother, Mattie Gallion, the weekend before Memorial day. They all attended memorial services for the Gallion family on Caney Ridge, Virginia.

Greg Hayes son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Hayes of Burdine is with the security service of the Air Force. He has completed training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and will leave for Monterey California, the first part of June.

Delphia Baker, Burdine attended the funeral of her niece's husband Carl Anderson at Shelby Gap on Monday.

Birthday wishes are sent to Lynn Vanover of Dorton. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Robbins visited and had dinner with her and presented her with a radio as a birthday gift.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chatfield are home after spending three weeks with their son George and family in Sumpter South Carolina. Mr. Chatfield was real pleased with the large supply of fish he caught while in South Carolina.

Charles Reed left a few days ago for a visit with his niece and family, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Boock in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Home memorial weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Robbins were their sons Larry and Dwight and their families from Ravenna, and Kent Ohio.

Get well wishes are sent to Mike Sergeant who spent a few days in Jenkins Hospital last week.

Tragedy struck two homes on Payne Gap last week. We send sympathetic wishes to Morgan T. and Ada Elkins in the death of their twenty two year old daughter, Midge

Schneider of Dayton. Midge was killed along with her brother-in-law and a friend when the car in which they were riding went into the river. The body was brought to Polly and Craft Funeral home and funeral services were held at the Freewill Baptist Church on Thursday at Payne Gap and burial was in Bold Camp, Virginia. Besides her parents Midge is survived by her husband John and two small daughters and several brothers and sisters.

Here to attend the Schneider funeral were her brothers and sister's and their families Larry and Lavonne Wilcox and son were here from Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Paul Elkins, Dayton, Roger Elkins and family of Louisville, Larry and Jackie Bates of Lexington, Morgan T. Elkins Jr. and family of Paintsville, Doug and Phyllis Mullins and children, Pound Virginia, James Elkins and family of Pikeville, Lois and Frank Holbrook and two children of Jenkins and sisters Charlene and Ruth Elkins at home. She is also survived by two grandmothers, Mary Mae Elkins of Dunham and Lucy Grimes of Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkins had been visiting for three weeks with Midge and their other children. They were at the home of another daughter, Jackie and Larry Bates in Lexington when word came of the accident and Midge's death.

Word came last Wednesday evening to Tony Dann that his brother Carl had died suddenly at his home in Mr. Dora, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Dann and his mother, Laura Gardner of McRoberts flew to Florida to attend funeral services and burial which were held there. Carl's mother in law Bertha Howard also lives at McRoberts. The Dannes are former residents of Letcher County and their three children, Mabelle, Nicky and Michael were almost grown when they moved to Florida.

Others who flew to Florida to attend the Dann Funeral

were his sister Georgia Smith and her daughter, Kim of Pittsburg and a niece and her husband, Jim and Kaye Mahan of Dayton. Our sympathy goes to the Dann family.

Glad to report that Eunice Powers is home from the hospital and is better.

Get well wishes are sent to Dwight Hall of Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hall of Dunham who was seriously injured in a car wreck near St. Paul, Virginia and is a patient in Wise Hospital.

Our sympathy goes out to Riley Mullins and family of Dunham in the death of his wife last week. Funeral services for Mrs. Mullins were held at the Free Will Baptist Church in Dunham on Friday and burial was in the Dunham cemetery.

Rev. Harry Tegan conducted the baccalaureate services of Jenkins High School Seniors at the auditorium on Sunday night. The commencement exercises were held at the field house last Thursday night and the speaker was Dr. Redford Dameron from Pikeville College. The class of seventy-three seniors received their diplomas.

Kenneth Brown from Norfolk, Virginia spent the weekend with his wife Joan. On Sunday they had dinner with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown. Kenneth will be discharged from the Navy in July and plans to enter Eastern University at Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Collier attended the state Jaycees convention at Covington May the twenty-first through the twenty-third.

Richard Corbett, Timothy Lewis and Allison Manning received their diplomas from Kindergarten at the graduation exercises held at the Presbyterian Church in Whitesburg on May the twenty-seventh.

Mrs. Charlie Cline is home and is much improved after being a patient at Jenkins Clinic for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Hall

of Dunham and other members of their family attended a birthday party for their son in law Tony Mullins at Dorton on May the twenty-sixth. They all had a good time and Tony got a lot of nice gifts.

Jenkins High School Athletic banquet was held at the auditorium on Saturday night and awards were given to the outstanding cheerleaders and members of the ball, golf, and track teams.

The Cadette Girl Scouts enjoyed an all day hike last Saturday that took them over Little Shepherd Trail. They were accompanied by scout leader Elizabeth Jordan and game warden, James Caudill.

Get well wishes are sent to Toni Sexton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Chip) Sexton of Dunham who spent last week in Jenkins Hospital.

Mrs. Carl Fitzpatrick spent the weekend visiting friends in Hazard.

Here last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Riley Mullins were her son E. Howard Mullins from Arizona, daughter, Bonnie Caudill of Lexington and their other two children, Ray Mullins and Minnie Robinson of Dunham. There was a large number of relatives and a host of friends at the funeral. Mrs. Mullins loved everybody and was loved by all she knew.

Everyone is sorry about the accident of Ellis (Elkie) Mullins, son of Rev. and Mrs. Darwin Mullins of Dean. Elkie was injured while playing baseball and rushed to the hospital in Baltimore for removal of his spleen. A speedy recovery is wished for him and anyone wishing to send a card the address is 20 Dihedral Drive, Baltimore, 20, Md. 21220. The Mullins family are former residents of Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Linden Layne and Frances Ann of Burke, Virginia visited Memorial weekend with Linden's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Layne.

There was a houseful of company at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Bryant last weekend.

Visiting them were Mr. Bryant's mother, Carrie Bryant of Cincinnati, his sister Gladys Lewis and daughter, Carol of Downey, California and the Bryant's daughter and family, Mr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tinscher and children of Cincinnati.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming and children of Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Waller and two sons from Ocala, Fla. visited a few days last week with Mrs. Waller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Potter.

Patrick and Peggy Hamilton and children of Louisville spent memorial weekend with Peggy's parents Mr. and Mrs. Mack Adams. They also visited Peggy's brothers Jimmy and Joe and her sister, Maxine Naramore and their families.

Spending the holiday weekend with Rev. and Mrs. James Wright on Payne Gap were their daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wright were home from Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Matney from Morehead. The Randy Wrights also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright and attended services at Dorton on Sunday.

Congratulations to Bob Matney who will receive his

master of arts degree at Morehead University this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Church of Lexington visited last weekend with the James Wright's and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown on Payne Gap.

Carl V. and Clara Jones of Rogersville, Tennessee came to Ramsey, Virginia to decorate Carl's father's grave and on to Potters Fork to decorate Clara's father's grave last weekend. They spent a few hours visiting Henry and Nell Wright on Potters Fork.

Shirley Collier of Lexington spent the holiday weekend with her sister and family, Jeanette and Charles Wright and two sons at Dunham.

Archie and June Holton of New Albany, Indiana spent memorial weekend with Archie's sister Reba Moore on Potters Fork. Thankyou June for your Mt. Eagle subscription.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Piney Wright who died at Jenkins hospital last Sunday. The funeral arrangements were incomplete when I wrote this column.

Newly weds Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Collier of Southshore spent two days last week with Jerry's aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Revis. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry V. Collier, formerly of Fleming and now living at South Shore.

The Jim Reeves family visited and had dinner last Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dempsey in Fleming. Mrs. Reeves Aunt Mrs. Mose Adams from Indiana was also a guest at the Dempsey home during the weekend.

A household shower was given last week for Connie Lynn Whitaker and Timothy Rash at the Masonic Hall.

Hostesses were Mattie Lou Anderson, Sally Webb, Mrs. Jimmy Farley, Mrs. Noble Whitaker, Evelyn Vanhoose and Mary Vance.

Connie Lynn Whitaker and Timothy Rush will be married on Saturday, June the fifth at 2 p. m. The wedding will be open house and everyone is invited at the Freewill Baptist Church in Burdine.

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitaker were a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoagland and children of Louisville. They also visited Mrs. Hoagland's father Dock Webb and her brother Gillie at Neon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Slaughter and son Danny of Williamsburg, Virginia spent memorial weekend with Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Slaughter and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hibbitts and boys of Colorado Springs, Colorado are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hibbitts and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Marshall and son Pat from Ohio spent the holiday weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and M. S. Eunice (Marshall) Powers.

Mrs. Barthel Goins of Bea, Virginia and Mrs. George Brown and son from Atlanta Georgia visited the Vic Slaughters last weekend.

EKU Dean's List

Richmond - Eastern Kentucky University announced three students from Letcher County were on the dean's list for the fall semester.

They were listed as Arnold Amburgey, Jr., Whitesburg; Larry D. Dixon, Jenkins; and Barbara J. Mann, Letcher.

NOTICE

Effective June 1, 1971,**payment of your Telephone Bill****may be made at****The Bank of Whitesburg****South Central Bell Telephone Co.**

Fleming-Neon:**DR. AND MRS. QUILLEN TAKE A VACATION**

By LOLA MAE SPICER

There were ten women from Neon who went to a Christian Crusade in Charlestown, Ind., spending the week end.

The Neon and Fleming Band attended a festival at Pikeville Saturday.

Miss Mary Pikes from Louisville is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pikes, at Fleming.

Clyde D. Vidson, well known cab driver, spends a few days at home a week on account of sickness.

Alice Harris gave a tupperware party. Several came and they had a nice time.

Oma Brown went to Ohio to visit her daughter.

Laria Gardner, 76, of McRoberts, joined the Freewill Baptist Church. There was a big crowd out.

Carl Dann, who lives in Florida, died May 26. We all were sorry to hear of his death. The family has my sympathy.

We sure are having some cold weather. It is blackberry winter.

Mrs. Ollie Sisk visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Profit Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Everd Hood from Dayton, O., came in for Memorial Day with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hood. They were to visit a cemetery at Powell Valley, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam Quillen and son, Sam Jr., and his wife and sister are spending their vacation in Florida. Hope they have a nice time.

Sarah Bell and Ezera Fleming of Fekin, Ind., came here to decorate graves. But they will attend the funeral of Edna Fleming, who died with a heart attack Friday.

Bud Hall of Mayking, a real good old man, has died. He was well known in Letcher County.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Broom and Gerry went to Bristol, Tenn., to visit Mrs. Hazel Patton and to decorate a cemetery.

SEWING CENTER SEEKS SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM OEO

Unless the Office of Economic Opportunity finds surplus funding for it, the Millstone Sewing Center will be out of money after July 1.

The Sewing Center, which has an annual budget of about \$40,000, provides free clothing and other items for needy children and other low-income residents of the Letcher, Knott, Leslie and Perry (LKLP) county area. Its staff consists primarily of older women, many of them otherwise unemployable widows, and Neighborhood Youth Corps workers. They renovate or make the clothing which is distributed by the Center.

The highly-regarded program has been in financial jeopardy for nearly a year now. However, the situation began deteriorating seriously last month when Center director Mrs. Mabel Kiser was told by LKLP Director Jesse Amburgey that her program was not included in the overall budget submitted to the regional office of OEO in Atlanta on May 10.

Mrs. Kiser contends that that was the first she knew that her program was not to be funded through LKLP. Amburgey, however, says that Mrs. Kiser had been told that LKLP would have to exclude Millstone, due to budgetary limitations.

Mrs. Kiser appealed for assistance to the LKLP Board, asserting that she felt she had been unfairly treated by LKLP staff. At its monthly meeting last Thursday night in Hazard, the Board did vote "to formally request that OEO in Atlanta provide supplemental funding" for the Center. The motion also called for the LKLP "revolving fund" to issue a loan "for up to 60 days" to the Center while its request for funding is considered.

Betty Corley, field repre-

sentative from Atlanta for LKLP, told The Mountain Eagle yesterday that she had been informed by telephone of the LKLP action.

She said that she regards the Sewing Center as a highly successful program. She added that she had "assumed" that LKLP was going to include it in its budget request for fiscal year 1972, which starts next July 1. However, when she learned that it was not included, and when she was contacted by Mrs. Kiser in Atlanta last week, she suggested some possible alternatives.

Mrs. Corley said the availability of supplemental funds for Millstone is "pending." She noted that there has been extra money, but that it was allocated "before we knew that Millstone was going to need it."

She explained that since Atlanta had assumed LKLP inclusion of the Center in its

budget request, "we simply didn't anticipate the need for additional money."

The first she knew of the LKLP exclusion of Millstone was on May 10.

Atlanta officials met with LKLP officials last April, and at the time expressed their strong desire that LKLP should either fund Millstone, "or arrange for other funding," the Eagle has learned. However, since neither Mrs. Kiser nor Atlanta knew of the Sewing Center cut until May 10, the possibility of the Center receiving additional funding is in doubt.

All money for next fiscal year must be allocated by June 30. Mrs. Corley said that most of any possible supplemental funds have already been designated.

The only hope left for the Sewing Center is that the central Washington OEO office will provide Atlanta with the supplemental money necessary to keep the program going after June 30.

Blair Branch:**MRS. ADAMS RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL**

By CALLIE BLAIR

Sunday evening: Has been a cool day, hope it warms up soon, guess it's blackberry winter. They are all in full bloom. Gardens don't look to good, been to cold on them.

I visited Ida Adams, she is doing pretty good. She came home from the hospital Friday. Hope she is feeling much better by now and can be up and out soon. Brother Shade is feeling better now, hope he can remain on feeling better. One of his daughters from Michigan came into see him over the weekend. She also visited her brother, Courtney Adams and others. Sister Hermie left today to go back home. I sure do miss her. We visited the graves of our loved ones while she was here and put some flowers on them.

We visited Mary Adams and Grace Ison Saturday. There were lots of people home for Memorial day. My son, Landon and family from Tennessee came over. Sure was glad to have them. I wish some of the other boys could have been here too.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and

Mrs. Mattie Blair took dinner with us Saturday. They visited the graves of their loved ones also.

Glad Jack Banks is home again. Hope he's feeling better.

We want to wish Cheryl Ann and Craig Blair of Ohio a most happy birthday today. Also our daughter in law, Vonlie Blair of Tennessee and our nephew Jeff Adams a happy one to. Hope they have many more.

Floyd and Lucy Watts and girls visited Linda and Dean today. Also visited the graves of their dear ones.

We hope there weren't too many lives taken over the holiday.

We pray Mrs. Minta Pride-more is feeling better. Hermie and I visited with her Friday.

We also want to wish our granddaughter Melody Ann Blair a most Happy Birthday Friday, June 4th. She'll be three years old. She's a little doll. Happy Birthday honey.

We hope all are well, and to those that are on the sick leave, we do hope you'll soon be feeling better and up real soon.

May God bless all!

AGENCY FAILS IN MINES JOB ...

(Continued from Page 1)

spectors found repeated serious safety violations, and has been "at times extremely lenient, confusing, uncertain, and inequitable;"

--has failed to force operators to begin sampling dust as required by law, and has permitted them to submit "erroneous data" that may have made their dust-control programs look better than they actually are;

--has "done little" to make operators comply with requirements that they submit plans for roof control, ventilation, and emergency action when a fan fails, and has neglected to provide Bureau district offices with guidelines for approving such plans, with the result that no uniform criteria are in use;

--has ignored the coal law's six specific guidelines for determining the size of fines; --has allowed operators too much time, in some instances, to acquire equipment that may have been available even though it was claimed to be in short supply;

--has compromised its own investigations of mine accidents because the investigating teams include inspectors and district officials who have been involved in prior inspections of the mine and "in effect are required to evaluate their own previous performances;"

--gave insufficient guidance to field inspectors in interpreting the new law. The GAO investigators discovered that although the Bureau supposedly gave "top priority" as long ago as October 1969 to preparing a new manual for inspectors, it has not yet been completed. The report quotes an April, 1970, statement by Interior officials that the manual was "almost complete" and would be sent out "within 90 days." More than a year later, the GAO was told that revisions were "about 85 per cent" complete. The GAO concluded that the inspectors, who are still working with a 1952 manual keyed to a law that has since been repealed, are working essentially without guidance from Washington.

The GAO recommended that the Bureau begin hiring technicians to perform the time-consuming dust-control and other health checks, rather than requiring the more highly trained inspectors to do such work. The Interior

Department, in a March 29 letter appended to the GAO report, rejected the suggestion, arguing that by June 30 the Bureau will have "the required minimum of 1,000 personnel to make all the inspections required by the Act." The Bureau's own records, however, indicate that by June 30 it will be nowhere near the goal.

Bureau deputy director Henry Wheeler told a House of Representatives appropriation subcommittee in March that "at least" 1,000

inspectors would be "on board" by June 30; late in May, he told reporters that the Bureau had hoped to have 705 inspectors on duty by July, but would actually have 500. Last week, however, the Bureau's own computer projections showed that only 251 inspectors were in the field supervisory jobs. The number is not expected to increase by June 30. That will leave the Bureau at less than a third its required strength. By coincidence, the Bureau last week released its summary report on coal mine injuries in 1970. In addition to 260 deaths -- an increase of 49 over 1969 -- the Bureau found that 10,575 non-fatal work injuries occurred in U.S. mines. This was an increase of 658 over 1969.

The statistics gave an ironic touch to a remark by Bureau deputy director Wheeler in his testimony before the House committee last March. Claiming that the Bureau was "very hard" at work building its inspection force, Wheeler told the committee: "We can see light at the end of the tunnel."

Court issues drunk driving decision

Frankfort-- The Court of Appeals has held that the state cannot suspend a person's driver's license if the drunk driving conviction on which that action was based is in question or under appeal.

The rulings were in response to attempts by the Public Safety Department to require circuit judges to alide by suspension ordered by the department.

Clinic planned for heart patients

A two-day clinic for medically indigent heart patients - those who can't afford to pay - will be held at the Perry County Health Department in Hazard Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15-16.

Counties in the clinic area are Harlan, Knott, Leslie, Letcher and Perry. Physicians from the departments of medicine and pediatrics at the University of Kentucky will conduct the clinic.

The clinic is sponsored by the Kentucky Heart Association and the state department of health.

An announcement from the heart association said only those patients who have been referred by a physician and have a written referral will be admitted to the clinic.

The announcement contained no advice for persons unable to obtain referrals, nor did it say how persons who cannot afford the trip to Hazard are supposed to obtain transportation.

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DURWARD BANKS



John Paul Adams and Mrs. Adams arrive for the Contest. John Paul's banjo picking won him the blue ribbon in the Old Style Banjo class.



Ernest Adams lived up to his reputation as Letcher County's number one banjo-picking father. He won third place in Old Style Banjo.



Coy Martin walked away with a record four ribbons. Winning second place in the Old Style Banjo class, he also accompanied the Cowan Creek boys to win a third prize in Country Band.



Earl Banks fiddled his way to a second place in the Fiddle category. He is accompanied by Coy Martin and Ernest Adams.



The Country Wranglers took top honors in the Country Band and Group Vocal classes. Here, Herb Stamper fiddles and Theresa Stamper strums her guitar and together they sing their way to a first in Group Vocals. In the background is Roger Hall, who accompanies the Country Wranglers and also won first place in Modern Banjo.



Steve Casdill sang his way to third place in the Individual Vocals. With his Letcher County hillbillies, Steve took second place in Country Band and third in Group Vocals.



Emma Smith sang and played one of her own compositions to win first prize in the Individual Vocal category. Emma also took a first place in the Guitar classification.

The Country Music Contest brought many Letcher County performers to Whitesburg to compete for honors before a full house . . .

The Contest was sponsored by the Cowan Community Action Group to raise money for the Cowan Community Center. Earl Blair was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, and the audience was treated to his impromptu accompaniment with several performers. The Contest was a great success in realizing its three stated purposes: to recognize local talent; to provide financial assistance to the Cowan Community Action Group; and to provide entertainment for Letcher County and neighboring county citizens.



Herb Bentley's boys relax backstage before going out front for their final number. This group won second place in the Group Vocal and Group Gospel classes.



In the Modern Banjo category, Honore Dixon plays his way to a second prize. He is accompanied by Coy Martin.



Theresa Stamper smiled and sang her way into the audience's heart. She is shown here winning second place in the Individual Vocal class.



Singing here in the Individual Gospel class, in which he won second place, Clayton Regley went on to rank third in Guitar and, with his trio, third in Group Gospel. In the background is Earl Blair, the master of ceremonies.



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VISITORS ATTEND GRADUATIONS

By DELLA SHEPHERD
Substituting for
Thelma Cornett

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Ison had several members of their family visiting them over the weekend. With them were Mrs. Julia Ison, and sons George, Phillip and Chester, Jr., and daughter Irene and children. All were from Indiana. Also visiting them on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hogg and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fields and baby.

Mrs. Delano Miniard of Delphia, Ky., and daughters Margie Holbrook, Carolyn Pratt and Gladean Shepherd attended the wedding of Mrs. Miniard's grandson, Wayne. The wedding was performed at the Monticello Baptist Church in Monticello, Ky. Both bride and groom are attending summer school.

My son Charles and I attended the graduation of my son David Saturday night at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky. Between three and four hundred got their diplomas and there were about 500 in attendance at the exercises.

Mrs. Ray Holbrook of Gordon fell Friday and broke her wrist. She is doing well since treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Cunningham and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mose Burton of Gordon.

Edith and daughter Donna stopped briefly with me. It is nice to have old friends drop by and see you. So many are now living out of state, but the Cunninghams are living in Greenville, Ky.

Roscoe Halcomb, brother of Luther Halcomb died in a car accident Saturday morning in Dayton, O. Parker Funeral Home is in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Halcomb and family from near Louisville visited Mrs. Euna Ingram over the weekend.

Memorial services were held Sunday at the Cornett cemetery, Linefork. Several ministers were there from Ohio; Bill Halcomb, Herbert Caudill and one named Wright. Also, some local preachers, Andy Bates and Woodard Cornett, were able to take part in the service. Dinner was served on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boggs of Dayton were in over the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Halcomb's family of Linefork has a new baby boy named Jeffrey Darwin. Patty and Doug now live in Dayton.

My cousin Thera sa who called me last week is now Mrs. Enoch Franklin of Milford, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Little Shepherd of Madison, Ind., are visiting his mother, Betty Shepherd of Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Yonts had visiting them over the weekend Duane's mother, two sisters and one brother and families from Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nolan from Sellersburg, Ind., were in Memorial Day weekend. They spent Saturday night with me. I enjoyed them so much. We don't get to visit each other often.

They were going to make a short visit with their daughter in Richmond on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Fields of Gordon had their children in for the weekend. Wayne and wife from Taylorsville, Ind., David and family from Columbus, Ind., were there. Visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Blevins of Gordon were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blevins from Salem, Ind. and Howard Dale Cornett visited them and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vadus Cornett. He attends summer school at Eastern.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cornett had their son Darrell and wife and Carolyn's brother Roy Jr. Burton visiting them. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Huff and son from North Vernon, Ind., visited them and his brother Clarence Huff. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Ison also visited.

COOKBOOK RECIPES

Mrs. J. W. Craft of Harlan, Ky. is planning to publish a cookbook. She invites anyone with a favorite home recipe or individual specialty to send their recipes to her. All contributors will receive a free copy of the cookbook, and credits will be given for all recipes published.

Mrs. Craft plans to have 1000 copies of the cookbook printed. Proceeds from the sales will go to the Pink Ladies, the burn hospital in Lexington, the Mental Retardation center, and other health institutions.

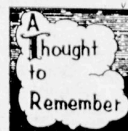
Send your recipes to:
Mrs. J. W. Craft
123 Ivy St.
Harlan, Ky. 40831

THANK YOU

To the Voters for State Representative:

My appreciation and best wishes go to you who worked and voted for me in the recent primary election. Let us still fight on against the destruction of our hills, the pollution of streams, the littering of the country side, and ignorance.

Tilden Crase



By Ray Collins

I wonder how many apples had fallen from the trees before Isaac Newton came to his certain conclusion regarding the law of gravity.

How many people had watched a boiling kettle on a stove, with the lid being lifted by steam pressure? One day the bright-eyed Watt saw this and began thinking about a steam engine.

What ability did Newton and Watt have that millions before them did not possess? Did they just use the ability they had?

Little ability does not mean little opportunity. Many great services to mankind have been rendered by persons of little ability. No gift is small if we make good use of it. No opportunity is insignificant if we use it significantly.

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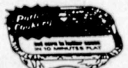
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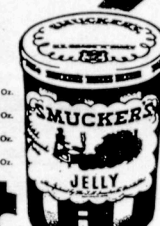


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FOODTOWN

Services held for Elizabeth Mullins, 85

Funeral services were held Friday, May 28, at the Dunham Freewill Baptist Church for Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Mullins, 85.

Mrs. Mullins, the daughter of John Wesley Wright and Mary Bentley Wright, was born Aug. 10, 1885, at McRoberts.

She was survived by her husband, William Riley Mullins, and the following children: Minnie Robinson, Dunham; Ray W. Mullins, Dunham; Bonnie Caudill, Lexington; Erman Howard Mullins, Phoenix, Ariz., and two sisters, Alice Houston, Franklin, Ky., and Easter Bryant, Burdine.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Albert Dingus. Burial

was in the family cemetery in Dunham. The Polly-Craft Funeral Home was in charge.

Sexton, Hensley, train at Knox

Ft. Knox - Army privates Paul D. Sexton, 19, and Billy G. Hensley, 19, both have recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Knox. Sexton is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Sexton, Millstone, and Hensley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hensley, Colson.



AFTER DELIVERING THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT CALVARY COLLEGE, GOVERNOR Louie Nunn personally congratulated each member of the graduating class. In his speech at the Bender Chapel, Nunn bemoaned the fact that "one of Kentucky's main exports is its young people" and congratulated the Calvary students for their dedication to the basic principles of life.

Noting that in the 1960's America endured a period of confrontation and questioning, Nunn said, "We need a decade of cooperation and alliance." Stressing the importance of home and family, he went on to praise Calvary College for offering an education "that is not offered at Harvard, Yale or Princeton."

(Eagle photo)

Mrs. Schindler buried in Virginia

Funeral services for Mildred Elkins Schindler, Dayton, O., were held at the Payne Gap Freewill Baptist Church on May 27.


Mrs. Schindler, 22, was the daughter of Morgan T. and Ada Grimes Elkins, and was born at Payne Gap in 1948.

Survivors included her husband, John Schindler, Jr., and two children, Kimberly Shea, five years old, and Melissa Louise, one.

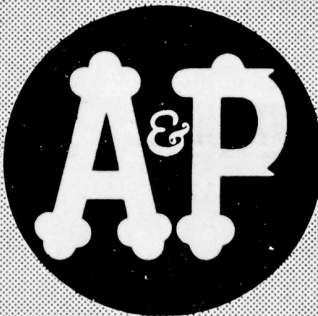
Survivors also included her parents and ten brothers and sisters - Morgan T. Elkins, Jr.,

Lowmansville, Ky.; Phyllis Ann Mullins, Pound, Va.; James Owen Elkins, Pikeville; Flora Lavoine Wilcox, Dayton, O.; Roger Wayne Elkins, Louisville; Jackie Louise Bates, Lexington; Ernie Pyle Elkins, Dayton, O.; and Amanda Ruth and Charles Elkins, Payne Gap, and grandmothers Mrs. Mary May Elkins, Dunham, and Mrs. Lucy Grimes, Norton, Va. Ministers were Rev. Herman Bates, Jr., and Rev. Ezra Johnson. Burial was in the Mullins Cemetery, Bold Camp, Va.

Polly-Craft Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.




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GOLDEN RIPE
BANANAS

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MILLSTONE...FROM PAGE 6

to church Sunday. We had some good preaching by Elders Ruben Baker, Charles Ramsey, Solly Kiser, Lester and Ivory Sowards. After the good singing (I love singing) and preaching we stopped with the Cecil Burkes for a good dinner. I love the Burkes and was glad to meet their children, and grandchildren, who all live near them. How nice to have your children so near, especially in these days of so many gone-away children.

We talked with our son, William Harold, Sunday night and he told us about taking the boys fishing. Timmy, almost six, just couldn't be still long enough to cast a line until he caught his first fish. Then he had the patience of Job and caught several. Now William says that everytime he comes home from work he is asked, "Daddy, let's go fishing." Timmy is quite active, to say the least. Michael is more patient and Pamela will take time off from reading to fish, and all the fish didn't get away, for all three caught some.

Corbett Richardson, who had been to Letcher County with his wife and family visiting with relatives, stopped by his sister's home, Mrs. Elbert Adams, in Winchester, for a visit. I was glad to see Corbett. He had not changed much although it had been many years since I had seen him.

We extend our sympathy to

the family of Hansford Chester, whose sister, Mrs. Martha Nealy of Pennington Gap, Va., died last week.

Mrs. Celestia Cook was made very happy this week when her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook, came from Toledo for a visit, the first time in three years. This was a happy birthday for Eugene, too, for he celebrated his birthday here.

Little Etta Mitchell is here from London spending part of her summer vacation with her grandparents, the Hansford Chesters.

Week end guests of Edd Baker were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kilgore and their married children, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Riner and their two children, Bonnie and Bee Ann, and a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Kilgore and their children, Kelly and Dennis, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hatfield and their son, Tony, all of Columbia City, Indiana.

A great granddaughter of Mr. Baker, Cinda, also Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baker and his son, Neil, and his wife and their son, Kyle, all from Plymouth, Mich., were here, along with Mrs. Bill Baker and daughter, Rhonda Ann from Springfield, Ind., and John Sexton and his son, John, Jr., from Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baker, of Wesley, Mich.



RICHARD COLLIER AND HIS WIFE, Mary Cook Collier, in a photo made around 1924. The photo at right shows Mrs. Collier with a young grandson. She was a sister to Louis Cook. The Colliers reared their family on Millstone and Rockhouse, and died in the 1930's.



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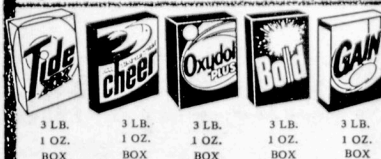
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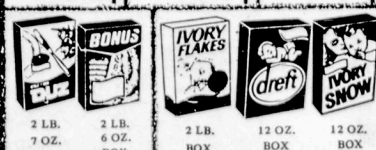
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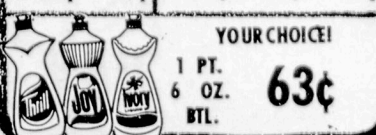
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ROXANA:**Lilly's Wood is a beautiful place**

By ALMA WHITAKER

Well the month of May is gone and hear it is the first of June and still cool. Today it has warmed up a little, we will be having pretty weather from now on. We went to church yesterday at the Cornett cemetery. For awhile we really got cold but the sun finally came out and it was a beautiful day. The preachers were Herman Caudill, J. T. Caudill, Andy Bates, Lawrence Halcomb, Bill Halcomb, Otis Cornett, Woodard Cornett and John Wright. It was pitiful to see Brother Woodard Cornett in his helpless condition. It was good that he could make it and was able to stand up and talk. I was glad to see Tip Cornett, the girls and his good wife, Cora. They had prepared dinner for everyone.

We visited the graveyards that day. The Whitaker graves and the Cornett graves were all so pretty with so many flowers. So many people were going to their loved ones grave.

One of our children, Mary Bill and their children.

We also visited Mrs. Henry Halcomb. I was sorry that Henry had to go to the hospital Saturday. He isn't doing well.

We had a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Cornett who lives in Lilly Woods on Line Fork. It sure is a beautiful place. They had hard topped the roads, that helped out a lot.

The Hiram Mitchell family all came in for Memorial Day. They had so many flowers for their family graves. Martha Mitchell was so pleased to have them with her.

Polly Ison's daughter, Jean and her husband Bill were home for Memorial weekend. Also visiting were her son in law, Elwood Sturgill and little daughter, Candy.

Alma Taylor is back home from Lexington Hospital. She has to return to the hospital. She's still no better. Her sister, Lovel Shepherd was in visiting with her from Indiana along with her brother Ford and his wife. Mannual Ingram, J Ingram and their families came to visit with Alma and enjoyed dinner.

I am glad all of you get the Eagle in Indiana and enjoy our little column. Its the least I can do for all our good friends who love to hear from us back home.

I would like to mention to all that have loved ones buried in the Whitaker Grave Yard. We all want to chip in and get a riding lawn mower. If you feel like you can help pay for it send the money to Ollie Fields, Roxana Kentucky. Ollie is so good to look after the up keep. I think it is our duty to help out.

Next Sunday, Mrs. Jessie Wright will be baptised at Blackey, Mount Oliver Church.

We were all pleased to hear of Mrs. Ira Whitaker joining the Old Regular Baptist Church at Cornettsville Thursday night.

The Stidhams had two of their sons visiting them over the weekend, Darrell and his family and Bobby and his wife Lavina. Darrell bought a new home and was proud of it.

I must close my column now by wishing all the sick to be better soon and good luck to all.

Postmaster named

The U. S. Postal Service announced appointment of Mrs. Cuba C. Whitaker as postmaster at Eolia, Ky.

The appointment was announced by Clarence B. Gels, Cincinnati, postal service regional director.

McROBERTS (From Page 4) . . . Several here for Vinson funeral

singing and plenty of food at the singing convention held at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Jenkins last Sunday. Rev. Terry of Wheelwright is the pastor and was proud of the large attendance at the singing.

Congratulations to Reba Nell Litton of Norfolk, Va. and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Banks who won in the powder puff derby at the Mt. Motor speedway last Sunday. She was driving twenty-five A, owned by Clay Potter and she received fifty dollars.

Marie Shumate of Bluefield, West Virginia spent last week end with her mother Juanita Lucas.

Our sympathy goes out to the children and other relatives of Mrs. Jim Vinson who died at Campbellsville last week after a long illness. The body was brought to Craft funeral home in Neon last Sunday and funeral services were held in the chapel on Monday and burial was in Green Acres cemetery at Ermine. Mr. Vinson preceded her in death a few months and he was also buried at Green Acres. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson lived here for many years and raised a large family of children.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillip's of Goose Creek visited on Sunday with Roy's mother Mrs. Maude Phillips.

Home last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Watts were their daughter and husband, Margaret and Clinton Adams and their two daughters Carol and Teddy Jo and their husbands. Teddy and family are from Michigan and the others were from New Lexington, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Johnson of Marietta, Ohio spent Memorial week end with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Morg Hall. Also visiting the Halls' were Mrs. Hall's sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and Mrs. Danny

Seals and children from Chicago, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Caudill and her mother, Love Johnson of Jeremiah and Mr. Hall's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parks and two sons of Chillicothe, Ohio and his sister Nancy Jane Wright of Hemp-hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Little and daughter Della and a friend, Jeffrey Huron of Dayton spent memorial week end with Mrs. Little's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson.

Gerald Mullins of Fairfax, Va., spent Thursday night with his wife Sue at the home of her parents, the Clyde Johnsons.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Estes Gibson were their daughter and families, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson and children, and Margaret Silverthorn from Louisville, and Mrs. Gibson's sister, Eula Mae Gibson of Manassas, Va., and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Amburgey and two children of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Geraldine Champion and Louise Pratt of Hindman visited with Eula Mae Gibson and Mrs. Estes Gibson on Sunday.

Horace Hollon of Manassa, Va. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hollon. Clifford's sister, Eula Mae, and Mrs. Estes Gibson and the other relatives enjoyed the weekend together.

Our sympathy goes out to the children of Edna Fleming of Hemphill, who died of a heart attack last week. Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ, and burial was in the Hemphill Cemetery last Monday. Edna's husband Bill was

killed in the mines a few years ago, and they leave four married children and four at home.

Visiting for a few days last week with Bertha Johnson and family were her daughter and husband, Sam and Kaye Bentley from Gary, Ind. They also visited Sam's family at Haymond.

Here last Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Vinson were all of the Vinson children and their families except Don. Edsel and Dorothy Zid-eroff were here from Dayton. Ida Mary and Ken Freeman came from Lexington. Dickie and Juanita Vinson from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vinson from Maine, James Vinson and family from Ypsilanti, Mich., Ray and family of Campbellsville, and a grandson, Russell Bullock, and family from Chattanooga, Tenn. Also attending the Vinson funeral were a nephew, and family Paul and Blanche Smith and children from Detroit and Mrs. Vinson's sister Ethel from Chattanooga.

Visiting Memorial Day weekend with Gladys Yonts, Donna and Dickie, were Gladys's sister in law and family Mr. and Mrs. David Mercer and children of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Huff of Kingsport visited the first part of this week with John's brother, Clyde Huff Sr., and family. Also visiting the Huffs were a nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Graham and children of Kingsport.

Mrs. Ross Whitaker and Gary went by bus to Detroit last weekend for a few days' visit with the Whitakers' daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Belcher, Faye, Sue, and Sandra.

INCENTIVE GRANTS OF \$277,715 MAY COME TO SIX OEO AGENCIES

Frankfort - Six antipoverty agencies are expected to receive incentive grants from the regional Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). If all six receive funding, the value of the grants would be \$277,715.

Competitive applications from agencies in eight states have been submitted to the regional office in Atlanta. It has jurisdiction over OEO anti-poverty efforts in the eight-state area, including Kentucky.

According to regional OEO officials, at least \$1 million is available for the one-time funding.

The six Community Action Agencies (CAAs) are Community Action Lexington-Fayette County (CALF) in Lexington; Hopkins-Muhlenberg Community Action Commission in Madisonville; Middle Kentucky River Area Development Council in Jackson; Northeast Kentucky Area Development Council in Olive Hill; Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission in Newport; and West Lake Cumberland Area Improvement Council in Columbia.

If funded, CALF, which is asking for \$25,000, would provide money for its Micro-City Government Program. It is a microcosm of local government in Lexington and Fayette County. A proven deterrent to juvenile delinquency, it has a youthful counterpart for every major city county official.

Hopkins-Muhlenberg, which is seeking \$50,000, wants to finance a daycare center for which Hopkins County would provide a building.

The Middle Kentucky River

agency, which specifies \$40,000 in its incentive grant proposal, would use the money to assist in the construction of modular housing for the poor. They would have access to a revolving loan.

The Northeast Kentucky CAA, which has requested \$57,324, purports to stimulate economic development in its area with emphasis on an upholstery program in Morehead.

In Northern Kentucky, a \$77,273 grant would finance a health services program which would employ a comprehensive, team approach to medical problems among the poor.

West Lake Cumberland wants \$28,118 for a day care center for working mothers. Besides affording the mothers a chance to work, it would provide training and adequate medical attention for disadvantaged children.

Ideas for the projects were conceived and developed locally, and reflect top community priorities. Since the funding will be for only one year, each agency was asked to indicate how the program will be able to continue at the end of the one year period.

The Division of Economic Opportunity, Kentucky Program Development Office, has provided technical assistance to the community groups in the formulation of their proposals.

State OEO Director Lynn Frazer said, "I have worked for a year now to see this type of competitive bidding for versatile OEO funds."

"Truly community needs and priorities are being given the consideration they deserve. I take considerable pride in nominating these six projects for federal funding."

THANK YOU

**Ray Collins says thanks to all
the voters - those who came
out and voted and those who
stayed home**

I wish one and all well.

RAY COLLINS

Blackey:

MANY PEOPLE COME VISITING OVER THE HOLIDAY; HOUND DOG HOOKERS ATTEND CRAFTS FAIR IN BEREA

By CHARLES ANN MULLIS

Lots of people were home for the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frazier and Jody were here from Louisville visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dixon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mullis and boys from Lexington visited with her mother Mrs. Ruby Asher and with Cramer and myself.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of sportsmen for the selection of candidates for the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission for the Seventh Wildlife District (to conform with Section 150, 022 KRS) to be held Thursday night, June 17, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time at the High School Auditorium of the Maytown High School in Langley, Kentucky.

At this time five candidates will be selected by the sportsmen assembled, one of which will be appointed by the Governor to serve on the Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission for a term of four years. Only those sportsmen residing in the counties comprising the Seventh Wildlife District are eligible to vote. The counties are Lawrence, Magoffin, Johnson, Martin, Pike, Floyd, Breathitt, Knott, Perry, Letcher, Leslie and Elliott.

MINOR CLARK
COMMISSIONER

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Effie Collins Back wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation for the many deeds of kindness shown us during our bereavement. For those who sent flowers, food or said a kind word, we will ever be grateful.

The Family of Effie C. Back

Building for Sale

NOTICE OF OFFER OF SALE OF BUILDINGS

Pursuant to obligations of the City of Whitesburg, assumed in a cooperative agreement and the Urban Renewal Plan as approved by the Whitesburg City Council in session of the 10th day of March, 1964, the City of Whitesburg herewith offers for sale to the person or persons making the highest and/or best offers for the structures located on properties formerly owned by persons as indicated:

"Property at old Whitec Road and Ky. Route 15, formerly owned by Ralph B. Bates, Sr., commonly known as the "Three Point Restaurant."

Purchaser will be required to demolish the structure and remove the materials from the area within a reasonable time and must leave the land "Rake Clean."

Offers to purchase the structure will be accepted by the Housing Authority of Whitesburg as agent for the City of Whitesburg at its offices in the Whitesburg Housing Project, located at 101 Alaska Avenue, Whitesburg, Kentucky, until 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 4, 1971, at which time the purchaser will be determined. The former owner will be given an opportunity to purchase the structure for an amount equal to the highest bid received.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Further information is available at the office of the Housing Authority of Whitesburg.

THE CITY OF WHITESBURG
By: Ferdinand Moore, Mayor

Pee Wee Caudill is home on leave visiting his father Mr. Curt Caudill.

Mr. Glenn Hampton was here visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wheatley are here visiting his mother Mrs. Wheatley.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Combs from Hazard visited friends in Blackey recently. Mrs. Combs is the former Harrit Adams.

Visiting Mrs. Gladys Buckhold for the weekend were

Notice of public sale

Notice is hereby given that a public sale will be held at the Electric & Machine Company, City of Whitesburg, County of Letcher, State of Kentucky, at 2:00 P. M. on Thursday, June 10th, 1971, to sell the following collateral:

1-12 BU Joy Loader, stock #12550
1-Joy T2-5 Cat Truck, stock #23673
1-35L Jeffery Cutting machine, stock #1-2737

This collateral is held to secure an obligation arising under a Security Agreement dated October 31, 1969, made between the Mary Helen Coal Company and the undersigned as secured party.

Terms: Cash in hand on day of sale, June 10th, 1971.

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COMPANY
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WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy: a good copy of THE HISTORY OF CORPORA FESS WHITAKER, by Fess Whitaker, 1918. Reply to Mrs. Harold McConnell, 432 1/2 Oak, Richmond, Kentucky, 40475.

Notice of public sale

Notice is hereby given that a Public Sale will be held in the City of Whitesburg, County of Letcher, State of Kentucky, on July 1, 1971, at Boone Motor Co., Whitesburg, Kentucky at 1:00 P.M.

The following Wrecked Automobile, belonging to Carl Proffitt: 1966 Chevle Super Sport, License # KA-5008 Tenn. Serial # 138176K168100, Motor # 6K168100.

The storage and Wrecker Service amounting to \$812.50. Approximate damage to this car is \$750.00 to \$800.00.

BOONE MOTOR COMPANY, INC.
Whitesburg, Kentucky

NOTICE OF BIDS

The Letcher County Board of Education will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P. M. EDST, Friday, June 11, 1971 in the office of the School Superintendent, Whitesburg, Kentucky at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on the following vehicles:

*1960 (#7) International Bus, 66 Passenger
*1959 (#14) International Bus, 66 Passenger
*1961 (#33) Dodge Bus, 60 Passenger
*1961 (#36) Dodge Bus, 60 Passenger

All vehicles may be seen at the Letcher County School Garage on Bentley Avenue, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

KENDALL BOGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
LETCHER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mullins of Dayton Ohio, Mrs. Mable Hogg of Franklin, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stamper, New Carlisle, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Creal Lust and Gail of Jackson, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Duck Campbell had Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Freeman from Versailles visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Crit Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Back all of Winedat, Michigan visited their families here and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Back on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Burton of Canel City, Kentucky visited with Uncle Carl Dixon and family over the weekend.

Eugene Halcomb and family from Lansing Michigan visited with Calley Sexton over the weekend.

Mrs. Liza Wilson had Jackie and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Breeding and Mike from Dayton, Ohio home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Back and daughters from Dayton, Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. Vern Back.

Steve Eldridge is home from Vietnam.

Mr. Tom Portwood is home visiting. He brought his mother, Mrs. Mae Portwood home who had been visiting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Susie Dunn of Tiffin Ohio visited with Mrs. Thelma Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Miller and Mrs. Vivian Branson visited Mr. and Mrs. Willis Back on Carr Creek on Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Richard Allen Campbell son of Mr. and Mrs.

FOR SALE: Three bedroom house with bath and gas furnace. Located on Sandlick. If interested write or call Hiram Eldridge, 34 Locust St., Hazard, Ky. 41701., Phone 436-6864.

Troy Campbell and Miss Beatrice K. Brown, daughter of Mrs. Noamie Brown will be married on June 5th in the First Baptist Church in Yukon Okalahoma.

The Union Association, Thornton Association and the

Indian Bottom Association and many visitors held a business meeting at the Mt. Olivet Church in Blackey on Saturday.

The "Hound Dog Hookers" attended the Craft Fair at Berea, Ky. over the weekend.

THANKS

I wish to thank the people of Letcher County for their assistance and votes in the past Primary Election.

I also wish to commend my opponent for the clean campaign he conducted against me. Time would not permit me to see each of you before the Primary but in the coming months before the Final Election in November I will try to see each of the fine people both Republican and Democrat in Letcher County.

Your friend,

Rollin Helton

Republican Candidate for Representative of the 90th District

(Paid for by the Candidate)

Judge Collins thanks voters

I want to take this opportunity to express to each of you my deep appreciation for your efforts and support on behalf of Bert T. Combs for governor in last Tuesday's Democratic primary election.

I was honored to serve as Letcher County Chairman for Bert Combs because I knew he was the man most of you wanted for governor and that he would do more to develop Letcher County and Eastern Kentucky than any other candidate.

You gave Combs an overwhelming majority (2,587 to 1,157) as he carried all but two of the thirty-one precincts in Letcher County. For this I will always be grateful to each of you who had a part in helping with the campaign and who voted for Combs.

Again, I want to express my sincere appreciation to each of you and to ask you to support all the Democratic nominees in the general election as I will do.

Gratefully yours,

ROBERT B. COLLINS Judge - Letcher County

HOW TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE IN RURAL MOUNTAIN AREAS WILL BE SUBJECT OF WEST VIRGINIA MEETING JUNE 7-8

Morgantown, W. Va. -How to improve health care for people living in isolated rural areas of Appalachia and the nation will be analyzed by national and regional experts June 7-8 at a West Virginia University conference.

The conference, sponsored by the WVU School of Medicine's Division of Public Health and Preventive Medicine with U. S. Public Health Service funds, will be held at Mont Chateau Lodge near here. The public is invited.

A unique feature of the conference will be a talk by a

fourth-year medical student at West Virginia University, William T. Fithian of Ranson, Jefferson County, W. Va., who will explain "What It Would Take to Get Me to Practice in an Isolated Rural County."

Dr. Abraham Hortwitz, director of the Pan American Health Organization in Washington D. C., will speak at 12:30 p. m. luncheon on June 8. He will relate his organization's experience to the solution of rural health problems in the U. S.

At a 7 p. m. banquet on June 7, Dr. Leslie A. Falk of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., will discuss the potential role of medical schools in improving health care delivery. He is chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health in the college.

Other speakers during the two-day conference will include Dr. Abraham Drobny, Chief of the Department of Health Services in the Pan American Health Organization; Dr. Milton Roemer, professor of health administration in the UCLA School of Public Health.

Dr. Charles B. Gilbert, a practicing dentist in Lexington, W. Va.; Dr. Leslie Dunbar, executive director of the Field Foundation in New York City; Theodore P. Hipkens, president of Appalachian Regional Hospitals in Lexington, Ky.; Dr. Murray Hunter, medical director of the Fairmont, W. Va., Clinic.

LAW TO BE TRIED

The Army Corps of Engineers recently announced Lake Cumberland will be the test site this year for a national effort to reduce littering at lake and dam sites.

Last December, Kentucky Senior Sen. John Sherman Cooper successfully amended the 1970 Flood Control Act to authorize the engineers to issue citations to litterers at areas they administer.

The Cooper amendment calls for penalties up to \$500 in fines and six months imprisonment. Engineers will be empowered to issue citations to offenders. Offenders have the option of paying the ticket or contesting the charge before a U. S. magistrate.

Before enforcing such a policing program, the engineers decided to work administrative and technical problems at a test site.

Since Cooper is the author of the amendment and also the ranking Republican on the Senate committee that oversees the engineers, his request that Lake Cumberland be chosen as the test site was honored.

The Kentucky senator, riled over lake and dam site littering incidents reported in newspapers and receiving complaints from residents protesting the increasing number of vacationers who leave behind a stockpile of litter, found the Corps of Engineers powerless to punish litterers.

Cooper immediately espoused their cause and framed his amendment to correct the situation.

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which allows the toxic materials left in the bed to be covered, the poisonous effect of coal is contained. Fish, beaver and other forms of wildlife can thrive in such ponds.

Still, critics decry the scars and generally contend that coal-mining companies should fill them in. Thus far in most parts of the country coal companies have successfully resisted drives to require them to fill final cuts. Their motivation is simple. "The cost of filling in the high wall is very very expensive. That's why it's not done," declares Mr. Richter of the Ohio Reclamation Association. Besides he adds, "by knocking off the top of the high wall, you only ruin more surface area."

Still another major reason companies are reluctant to put money and effort into reclamation projects is that they plan to mine more areas again. Take Hanna Coal's crown-vent pastureland for example. "We're nowhere near through mining around here," Mr. Wallace says. With the development of larger equipment capable of digging ever deeper after one of the 12 seams of coal below the surface in Ohio, companies can reach coal that wasn't possible before.

Typical of what has happened and what is continuing to happen is Mr. Wallace's prized pastureland. It was first mined almost 40 years ago with an eight-cubic yard shovel. Then came a 22 cubic yard machine. Later came longer-boomed shovels that would move 45 and 65 cubic yards in one bite. Currently a 105 cubic yard Hanna Coal machine is operating in the area, and larger machines, such as Ohio Power's Big Muskie, are being developed.

A variety of other problems also make reclamation difficult; not the least of these is time. For many areas, planting trees is the most logical step. But a year-old tree usually is barely more than a sprig one foot to three feet tall. Ten year old trees usually have attained a height of only 10 to 20 feet, depending on the type of tree and the soil condition. Generally trees take 20 to 25 years to mature.

More mundane difficulties aren't unusual, either. A constant problem for operators attempting to grade strip-mined land is dispersal of huge chunks of rock, sometimes as large as a two story house. "When you run into a rock so big you can't move it, you just pile dirt around it and call it an Indian mound," Mr. Wallace says.

--Reprinted from The Wall Street Journal.

Mrs. Ada Legg dies

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29, for Mrs. Ada Tyree Legg, 67.

Mrs. Legg, the former Mrs. Emmitt Kiser, was survived by four sons: Rex Kiser, Minneapolis, Minn.; Paul Kiser, of Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Owen Kiser of Clyde, O., and Ray Kiser of Baltimore, Md.

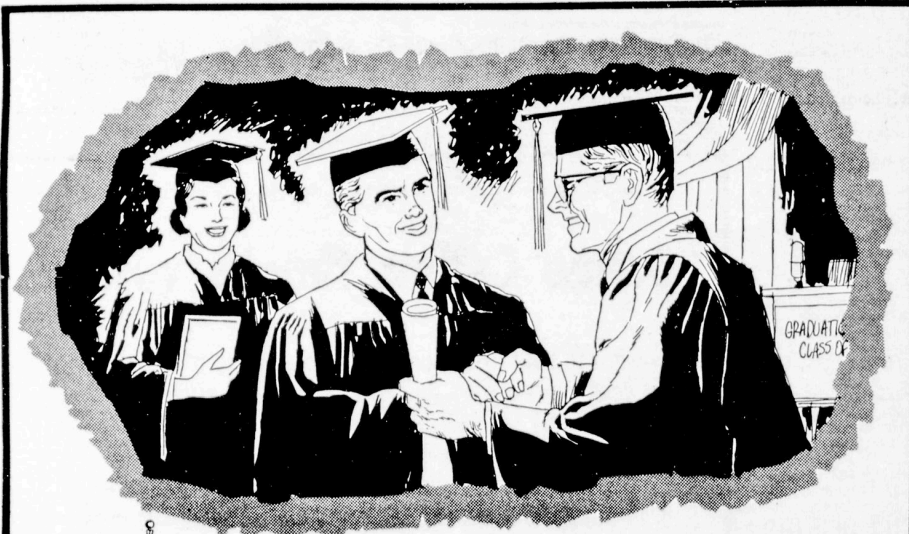
Other survivors included her husband, Arthur Legg, and two brothers, Charlie Tyree, of Lexington, Ind.; and Clifford Tyree, of Castalia, O.; and four sisters: Mrs. Cora Adams, Isom, Ky.; Mrs. Mattie Profit of Isom, Mrs. Lora Adams, of Mayking, and Mrs. Carrie Lucas, of Michigan.

Services were held at the Ray Collins Funeral Home. Ministers were Elders I. D. Back, Charles Gibson, and Raymond Collins. Burial was in the Green Acres Cemetery, Ermine.

Head Start funded

Rep. Carl D. Perkins has announced a \$448,000 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a summer Head Start program in Leslie, Perry, Knott and Letcher counties.

Perkins, a Hindman democrat, said that the LKLP Community Action Program will administer the program, which will serve 1,377 children.



a message FOR THE CLASS OF 71

We proudly congratulate the class of '71. Now, each of you is making plans . . . to go on to higher education or to seek jobs and settle down. No matter what plans you are making, money will be important. This is where we can help you. Stop by soon and let's discuss a program for you, of savings for your future, perhaps an educational loan for higher learning.

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Inspector's exam to be held June 24-25

A state mine inspector's examination will be held at the Minerals Industries Building in Lexington on June 24 and 25.

State law requires that applicants must have at least 10 years of mining experience, of which at least five must have been within Kentucky.

The state department of mines and minerals said persons desiring further information should contact a district office of the department, or write H. N. Kirkpatrick, commissioner, department of mines and minerals, P. O. Box 680, Lexington, Ky., 40501.

WHITESBURG:

Ann Dugan visits from Lexington

By RACHEL MOORE

Mrs. Sandy Adams and Gwen P. Adams, Louisville and Mrs. Hattie M. Adams, Lexington visited Mrs. Don English during the Memorial Day weekend.

Miss Ann Dugan, Lexington was a recent visitor of Miss Yariette Swisher.

The Whitesburg Garden Club met on May 24, at the Coffee House for a Dutch Dinner. Mr. Frank Majority guest of R. C. Day, program leader, showed slides of the Letcher County Caves. Following the slide presentation Mr. Day gave a brief talk on pollution. Others present were Mrs. R. C. Day, Mrs. Oval Hughes, Mrs. Jack Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Combs, Mr. and Mrs. Manrice Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Yonts, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ammerman, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Joe Clay, Scott and Greg, Louisville were weekend guest of his father, Emil Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wright and Myra Alice had as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wright and son of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hall, London were visitors in Whitesburg last week. Mr. Hall is a former superintendent of Letcher County Schools.

Mrs. Lennon Hammock is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, last week.

The Letcher County Teachers elected new officers at a meeting held at the Letcher County courthouse on Monday evening. Chosen to serve for the school year 1971-72 were: President Jon Henrickson, Vice President Edwin Dale Collins, Secretary Bobbie M. Adams and Treasurer, Creta Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Banks celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 30. Among those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Banks, Whitesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Astor Banks, Fayetteville, Ohio, Mrs. Hazel Day, Pulaski, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Banks, Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Back, Lynn, Wynn Kim and Jeff, Pulaski, Virginia, Mr. Grant Banks, Jr. and Loy Grant, Rootsville, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Salyer Banks and Byron, Cleveland Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Banks Laurel and Becky, Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Demmer Banks, Demmer, Kim and Darlene, Fayetteville, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Legge, Lexington, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Follace Fields and children of Chattanooga, Tennessee were recent visitors of Mrs. Follace Fields and Maggie.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wadell and children, Louisville visited relatives here during the weekend.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Back this week are Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Back, Stacie and Chuck of Sellersburg, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and children, Jackson, visited here with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Amburgey, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fields Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks all of Louisville, visited with their many friends and relatives here last week.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ison and Jennifer were Mrs. Marie Carroll, Jessie and Bill Carroll of Middlesboro.

Mr. Harry Caudill was honored by being awarded two honorary Doctor of Law Degrees during recent graduation ceremonies at the University of Kentucky and Berea College. After the ceremony at each college, the Caudills were entertained at a buffet dinner at the home of the president. Harry Frye and Diana Caudill accompanied their parents to Berea and Lexington for the graduation exercises.

Weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Romeo and Mrs. Gertrude Johnson was Mr. James D. Moretz, Knoxville, Tennessee. Others gathering in the Romeo home on Saturday for a surprise dinner honoring Mrs. Romeo on her birthday were her sisters Mrs. Della Mullins, Mrs. Mabel Mullins and Mrs. Ida Martin Partridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Zenneth Bentley had as guests last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker, Lexington and Randall Bentley, Huntington, West Virginia. On Saturday evening the Walkers and Bentleys dined at the Inn in Wise, Virginia.

Enjoying a cookout and swim party at the Zenneth Bentley's home on Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caudill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bentley and family and the Zenneth Bentleys.

Weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Lewis were Mr. and Mrs. David Standifer and Billy Standifer of Detroit Michigan.

Practice set for youth musical

Practice for the annual Summer Folk Musical presented by Whitesburg young people will begin Sunday.

The first session will be held at 8:30 p. m. at the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Whitesburg.

The musical, to be presented later in the summer at a public concert, is open to any interested youth from junior high school through college age.



FIVE GENERATIONS--Little Kelly Jean Russo sits on the lap of her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Line Scott of Knoxville, Tenn. Pictured with them are Kelly's great-grandmother, Mrs. Mahona Ruhl, Detroit, Mich. (right rear); her grandmother, Mrs. Delores Hagerman, Melvindale, Mich. (seated, left), and her mother, Mrs. Yvonne Russo.



TWO DEGREES--Harry Caudill, Whitesburg attorney, who was denied an honorary degree from Eastern Kentucky University last year because he was "too controversial," this year was the recipient of two honorary doctorates--one from the University of Kentucky and the other from Berea College. Caudill is shown above accepting the degree from Berea.

Whitesburg High to graduate 157 students

One hundred and fifty seniors will be awarded diplomas at Whitesburg High School's fifty fifth graduation program. The Graduation Exercise will begin at 8:00 p. m. E. D. T., Friday, June 4th and will be held in the Whitesburg Gymnasium.

Dr. John R. Duncan, Dean of Graduate Programs, Morehead State University will deliver the address. Dr. Duncan attended Breckinridge Training School in Morehead and graduated from Morehead State University in 1960 with a B. A. degree. After completing his master's degree in Morehead in 1961 he attended Miami and Purdue Universities and completed his doctorate at Indiana University in 1967.

He served as Director of Admissions at Morehead in 1967 and is presently Dean

of Graduate Programs. He teaches in the Department of Sociology where he holds the rank of Associate Professor. He has had five years' experience in radio broadcasting.

The subject of his speech is "American Youth: A Study of Contrasts."

Bible school set

Vacation Bible School will be held each evening, 5:30-8:30, June 9-16, at the First Baptist Church. The VBS program of Bible learning activities, music, recreation and refreshments is open to ages 3-16. Everyone is invited.

The School will conclude with Parents' Night and a picnic on Wednesday, June 16.

If transportation is needed, please call the church at 633-2383 or 633-5678.

Recital scheduled

Daniel Tilford of Georgetown College will present an Organ Recital on Sunday, June 6, 7:30 P. M. at the First Baptist Church of Whitesburg.

Tilford is Professor of Organ and Acting Chairman of the Music Department at Georgetown College. He is also church organist at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky.

The Recital is to dedicate the new Allen Organ, model TC3S, which was installed Tuesday. Everyone is invited.

Midway, Ky. - Doctor Walter E. Watson, Academic Dean of Midway Junior College, announces the graduation of Miss Arizona Cornett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Cornett of Skyline, Kentucky.

Graduation exercises were held May 23, 1971.

Miss Cornett plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University.

Skinner here June 12

June 12 is the date set for a Country Western Show starring Jimmy Skinner, "the Kentucky Colonel".

Other entertainers featured at the Show will be Emma Smith, who won top honors in last week's Country Music Contest in Whitesburg, and Steve Caudill and the Letcher County Hillbillies.

Doors will open at the Whitesburg Gym at 8:00 P. M. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Proceeds will go to the Letcher County Mental Retardation Center.

Judge Dixon...
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Mae Baker; Garrett Grover Caudill married Kathryn Myers; Minnie Dora Caudill married Baine Turner; Henry Clay Caudill married Mearl Kellough; Marguerite Lurinda Caudill married Wallace Watson; Mayme Ellen Caudill married Ray Robbins; Lucy Mae Caudill married Earl Equilla Damron; Bessie Beatrice Caudill married William Bliss and Benjamin Kathleen Caudill married Earl Dollar.

The above-named Kathleen Caudill Dollar has furnished a good part of the information pertaining to her famous father. Also accompanying this article is a photograph of Elder Benjamin Franklin Caudill and Lucy Howes Caudill taken about 1912.

So we see by now that the old Revolutionary War soldier Stephen Caudill, has thousands of descendants who are scattered almost all over the world. It would be an almost impossible job to run down and name all the descendants of this man who live in the United States alone, but much of this information will be included in a book which we hope to publish some day.

There have been numerous speculations as to the original home of the Caudill family. According to Mrs. Kathleen Dollar of Amarillo, Texas, they came from Staffordshire England to the new world. Mrs. Dollar is a great great granddaughter of Stephen and Sarah Adams Caudill. In case some of the other Caudills would want to correspond with Mrs. Dollar, her address is: 333 East Central, Amarillo, Texas.

Watts engagement is announced

Eva Joy Watts of Mayking, Kentucky announces the engagement of her daughter Maggie Elizabeth (Libby) Watts to Redford Oris (Bud) Gearheart of Price, Kentucky. Miss Watts is the daughter of Bennie J. Watts of Shwanetown, Illinois. They both are attending Hazard Vocational School. No wedding plans have been made at this time.



EVA JOY WATTS

GAS AND OIL . . . (FROM PAGE 1)

According to news reports last week, Signal has already drilled a well some 12,000 feet--more than two miles--in Pike County.

If the explorers' predictions are correct--and all signs now point that way--the cap will literally come off eastern Kentucky's oil and gas pools. Expert opinion is that an 1800 foot thick deposit of high-quality petroleum lies at about 22,000 feet. No wells have yet approached that depth, however; they haven't had to. Strikes at more accessible levels have been enough to keep the pipelines filled.

Although gas and oil come together, most of the drilling in Letcher County so far has concentrated on gas. One well in the lower end of the county is reportedly producing a flow of 40,000,000 cubic feet. And it's a relatively shallow well.

It's extremely difficult to learn accurately just how much natural gas is being taken out of this region. The state Department of Mines and Minerals has no figures on natural or liquid gas production, "as these figures are not required to be reported to the Commonwealth of Kentucky," according to the Department.

Thus it becomes necessary to look for federal reports of gas production.

The problem is that the latest available figures are for the year 1969. Since the bulk of the current movement of the larger oil and gas firms has been since then, the figures are misleading.

Nonetheless, according to the 1969 Minerals Yearbook of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Kentucky in '69 was the 12th largest gas producing state in the nation, with a marketed production of some

81,304 mcf. (million cubic feet), an average wellhead value of 25.1¢ per mcf. That translates into nearly \$21 million, for 1969 alone.

The same source reports that as of December 31, 1969, there were 6,413 producing gas wells in Kentucky. It is most likely that subsequent figures will reveal a great increase in this number. And the bulk of that increase will probably be from eastern Kentucky.

State figures for oil production provide a glimpse into the increasing importance of eastern Kentucky in the oil and gas field. Again, latest figures are only for 1969. But in that year, a total of 12,923,800 barrels were produced.

More interesting, however, are the figures for Letcher County. In one year, from 1968 to 1969, oil production more than doubled, going from 112,792 to 257,792 bar-

rels.

Incidentally, the federal Minerals Report indicates that Kentucky oil brought a relatively high price on the national market in 1969--\$3.11 a barrel.

All told, the figures demonstrate a quickly developing oil and gas industry in Kentucky. Figures for 1969 do show that the state is far from being as productive as other leading fuel (other than coal) states. But in relative terms, Kentucky is just beginning.

And a big chunk of that beginning is right here in the mountains.

A current television commercial by the Columbia Gas System, one of the larger gas firms, shows a beautiful Appalachian mountain ridge. An announcer informs us that in order to meet the supply demands of the cities (like New York and Chicago), the company is going back to America's original frontier. The ad tells of plans to drill wells "miles deep" in the mountain region.

When you get such companies as Equitable and Columbia openly talking that way, you just know that they mean it.

State gets bonus

Frankfort--Kentucky has received \$89,477.54 in federal funds as a bonus for effectively regulating outdoor advertising along the Commonwealth's Interstate Highway system.

Robert E. Johnson of the Federal Highway Administration presented Highway Commissioner B. E. King with a check in that amount for one of the eight sections of I-75 in Kentucky. The figure is one-half of one per cent of the total construction cost of that section of the federally funded highway.

Mrs. Back dies

Services were held last week for Mrs. Effie Collins Back of Jackson, who taught school in Letcher County for many years. Mrs. Back died May 21. She was 60 years old.

She was a daughter of the late Letcher and Lillie H. Collins and the widow of Charles Leonard Back.

Mrs. Back is survived by two sons, David Back and Douglas Back, both of Jackson, a brother, Claude Collins, Millstone, and two sisters, Mrs. Estelle Collins of Whitesburg and Mrs. Mabel Jo Buttry of Isom.

KRADD ALTERS METHOD OF PICKING LOW-INCOME MEMBERS

The Kentucky Area Development District has changed its method of choosing representatives of low-income groups for its board of directors.

The KRADD board voted last week to permit its Human Resources Coordinating Committee to name four persons to the development district board--one to represent low-income groups, one to represent elderly residents, one to represent minorities and one to represent under- and unemployed residents.

KRADD Director Malcolm Holliday said changes in the board's method of choosing such representation were necessitated by objections of the U. S. Economic Development Administration, which had indicated it did not feel KRADD board membership was adequate representative of the groups listed.

Originally KRADD made no provisions for representation of low-income groups, but after objections were raised to this omission, the district decided to permit the two multi-county community action agencies in the district to name two representatives each.

Only one of the representatives named by the CAAs was actually poor, however. One was a banker, who served as

the chairman of one CAA, one was an attorney who served as chairman of the other CAA and one was a minister.

Holliday told the KRADD board at its April meeting that he had had some objections from various official and unofficial sources that the representation of low-income groups was not adequate. He proposed the change in bylaws to meet the objections, he said.

During the discussion of the proposed changes, KRADD board member Lew's Quick of Jenkins, a Beth-Elkhorn Coal Corporation employee who serves on the KRADD board as a representative of civic groups, asked whether the changes were the result of "a bureaucratic hand-down from Washington." Holliday and EDA representative Hill Smith of Hindman replied that they were. Quick said he was against the change on the ground that it is socialistic.

Charles Beach Jr., the Beatyville banker who serves as chairman of the Middle Kentucky River CAA and represents it on the KRADD board, asked what constituted elderly and what minorities were being talked about.

Holliday said EDA had indicated that any agency which could not show that it had effectively involved black residents in the development of proposals may as well not submit the proposals to EDA.

Beach said there are "16 colored people" in Lee County, and "one of those ladies is on the board of Middle Kentucky, so I represent her."

Holliday said one black member on the board would be sufficient to represent the total minority population of the district, which has just over two per cent black population, and added that he could argue just as strongly for someone to represent the coal industry.

In a voice vote on the proposed change, all members voted aye except Quick, who said he was "not a socialist and I won't vote for that one."

"Thank you for that honest vote," said Board Chairman

Vernon Cooper.

The four representatives of underprivileged groups will join 11 other lay members on the 31 member board. Holliday said he believes selection by the Human Resources Coordinating Council will be acceptable since one third of its membership is nominated by community action groups. The council membership is finally chosen by the KRADD board.

Recreation-tourism planning scheduled

Two graduate students from the University of Tennessee school of planning will develop a complete recreation-tourism plan for the county during three months of service here this summer, according to Malcolm Holliday, executive director of the Kentucky River Area Development District.

KRADD is paying \$5,000 to assist the project, and Letcher Fiscal Court is contributing \$450 and providing office space.

The work will be supervised by Paul Townes of the KRADD staff.

Jenkins road . . . (from Page 1)

All and all, the advertisement for bids provides for 12.71 miles of road, indicating that some five miles will be cut off from the present 18 miles between Jenkins and Whitesburg.

The route will replace the present U. S. 119 between the two towns, and will extend and just about complete the Southeastern Kentucky leg of the Mountain Parkway-Turnpike from Winchester and Campton through Jackson to Hazard to Whitesburg to Jenkins, where it will connect with U. S. 23, serving north-south Big Sandy valley traffic in Kentucky, and Virginia.

Emergency food (from Page 1)

said that in 1970, 47,681 individuals were served in LKLP. A total of \$156,000 was spent here, with most of it going to immediate and direct assistance to families.

Mrs. Whitaker fears that if EFMS is cut, a vacuum may result in certain vital services.

In Washington, Sen. George McGovern (D-S. D.) testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower and Poverty, which is responsible for OEO legislation. McGovern urged full continuation of EFMS.

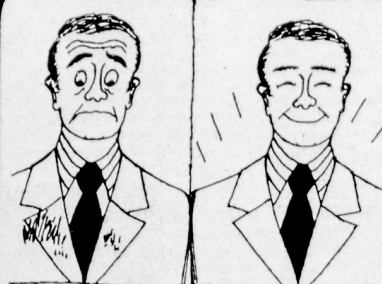
He recalled the "national outrage" to testimony of 1967 which first brought malnutrition in America out to the public. "No one, I believe, expected (then) that we would learn with painful certainty that millions of Americans were in immediate need of food assistance, and yet not act to change that," the Senator said.

McGovern, who is chairman of a Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, outlined the history of EFMS, and then sharply criticized the Administration for cutting it. "EFMS," he said, "is now marked for oblivion in an Administration which has produced stirring promises but neither the money nor the actions necessary to fulfill them."

He suggested that the "most important function performed" by EFMS has been in the "area of outreach," getting information and assistance to people where it is most needed. EFMS "has the flexibility and the primary commitment to the poor that is necessary to approach these programs from a fresh perspective."

He urged the Senate to require OEO to budget EFMS indefinitely, with as much money as necessary.

"... To make our commitment to end hunger a reality, to give firm evidence of our willingness to use every means available to alleviate the terrible effects of hunger, it is a small thing to keep the EFMS program alive, well, and funded," McGovern told the committee. "To do less than that casts serious doubt on what we say."



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City of Whitesburg Auto Stickers go on sale at the City Clerk's Office June 7, 1971 and must be on the windshield July 1, 1971. All those who work or live in the City of Whitesburg must buy a sticker for each automobile. Price: \$7.50 first car, \$5.00 for all others.

DORIS BLAIR, CITY CLERK